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Legal war may test House inquiries

Trump lawyers, officials plan to resist subpoenas over his policies, finances

BY TOM HAMBURGER,
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JOSH DAWSEY
AND RACHAEL BADE

President Trump's attorneys and the White House are moving to resist a growing number of congressional requests for information, increasing the likelihood of a protracted legal fight that could test the power of congressional subpoenas.

The building battle will shape how much material House Democrats will be able to obtain about Trump's policies and personal finances through multiple investigations launched by various congressional committees.

White House officials are already digging in their heels on a slew of requests related to Trump's actions as president. The administration does not plan to turn over information being sought about how particular individuals received their security clearances, Trump's meetings with foreign leaders and other topics that they plan to argue are subject to executive privilege, according to several aides familiar with internal discussions.

White House Counsel Pat Cipollone and the president's legal team are preparing for an extensive legal battle, if necessary, over subpoenas from Congress, aides said.

On Monday, Trump's private attorneys warned his accounting firm not to comply with a subpoena from the House Oversight and Reform Committee. Separately, two other House committees issued subpoenas to several banks Monday for information about Trump's finances — drastically ratcheting up the stakes for the president, who is particularly angry about efforts to pry into his business, aides said.

Rudolph W. Giuliani, one of Trump's attorneys, said he has urged the president not to cooperate with congressional Democrats' requests because, he argues, they ultimately want to impeach him. "I wouldn't cooperate with any of them," he said. "I'd fight it

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Much lost, but Notre Dame still stands



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Amid flames, human chain saves art, relics

BY JAMES McAULEY

PARIS — There was little time to waste. The wood-and-lead roof was a crackling inferno overhead. Flames were now snaking down the majestic woodwork inside Notre Dame cathedral.

Very soon — in minutes, maybe — the fire would begin threatening the artwork, liturgical array and priceless religious relics tucked throughout the warrens and alcoves of the cathedral.

Firefighters rushed in, looking for whatever they could grab and carry to safety. The fire department chaplain — his glasses reflecting the orange flames — demanded to join them.

Then a human chain took shape, according to accounts by Paris officials and firefighters. It included city workers, church caretakers and the Rev. Jean-Marc Fournier, the fire chaplain who hours earlier had been preparing events for Easter week.

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TOP: Debris is seen Tuesday where it fell during Monday's fire at Notre Dame in Paris. ABOVE: Somber crowds gathered nearby the day after the blaze.

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Officials assess the toll and launch an inquiry

BY CHICO HARLAN,
MICHAEL BIRNBAUM
AND JAMES McAULEY

PARIS — With its iconic cathedral scorched but still standing, France on Tuesday launched an investigation into what triggered the Notre Dame inferno and how a fire that had probably started by accident could gut the symbol of a nation.

As the smoke cleared from the sky Tuesday, it was almost possible to look head-on at the church — to see its carved statues and two rectangular bell towers — and imagine that all was intact. Much of the valuable art and relics had been saved. Even the exquisite stained glass windows remained in place, seemingly immune to the previous day's flames.

But that belied the somber accounting of all that had been lost, and how the religious and architectural landmark at Paris's center had been altered. The

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Housing vouchers roil a pricey D.C. building

BY PETER JAMISON

The SWAT team, the overdose, the complaints of pot smoke in the air and feces in the stairwell — it would be hard to pinpoint a moment when things took a turn for the worse at Sedgwick Gardens, a stately apartment building in Northwest Washington.

But the Art Deco complex, which overlooks Rock Creek Park and is listed on the National Reg-

As homeless move in, mental health needs go unmet, residents say

ister of Historic Places, is today the troubled locus of a debate on housing policy in a city struggling with the twin crises of homelessness and gentrification.

Located in affluent Cleveland Park and designed by Mihran Mesrobian — the prewar architect behind such Washington landmarks as the Hay-Adams Hotel — Sedgwick Gardens was once out of reach for low-income District residents.

That changed two years ago, when D.C. housing officials dramatically increased the value of rental subsidies. The goal was to

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Filings allege culture of excess among troops

BY DAN LAMOTHE
AND BRAD WOLVERTON

After a long night of drinking in Mali's capital, two Navy SEALs and two Marine Raiders smashed their way into Army Staff Sgt. Logan J. Melgar's room with a sledgehammer.

Armed with duct tape, they had a goal, two of the alleged assailants recalled: teach the Green Beret soldier a lesson

Sex, alcohol and violence collide in murder charges against U.S. commandos

for leaving them behind in traffic on the way to a party at the French Embassy. It was the latest chapter in a feud between Melgar and the SEALs, who had traded

accusations about careless behavior that could threaten their mission.

One of the SEALs, Petty Officer 1st Class Anthony E. DeDolph, a former professional mixed-martial-arts fighter and a Purple Heart recipient, jumped on Melgar and put him in a chokehold on his bed sometime after 5 a.m., two of the men later told authorities. The other SEAL, Chief Petty Officer

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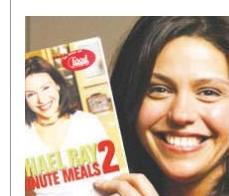
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Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.)

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Court throws out three years of proceedings in USS Cole case

BY MISSY RYAN

9/11 suspects remain far off amid seemingly endless legal wrangling and procedural delays.

The decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit also suggests that federal courts may no longer be as deferential to the war courts and to the larger Guantanamo system as they have been in the past, as commission proceedings drag on for years and some two dozen other detainees languish without the suggestion of a trial.

Nashiri, a Saudi national in his 50s, faces a possible death penalty for his alleged orchestration of a string of plots to bomb Western vessels, including the Cole attack, which killed 17 Americans. After his capture, Nashiri was subject to extensive torture in CIA custody.

"Many years ago, when Abd al-Rahim first heard he was being handed over to the Americans, he was actually happy because he thought the United States was a country of laws and rights and that he'd at least be treated fairly," said Navy Lt. Alar-

ic Piette, a member of Nashiri's defense team. "Finally, after 16 years, with this ruling, that has actually happened. Which is to say that this will mean a lot to him."

Spath, who recently retired as an Air Force colonel, suspended Nashiri's case in early 2018 over a dispute with defense lawyers who resigned after finding a microphone in a room used for attorney-client discussions. The judge's order that the attorneys remain on the case kicked off a complex controversy involving several legal bodies and resulted in the house arrest of a brigadier general tasked with overseeing commission defense teams.

A year into his involvement in the case, Spath meanwhile quietly applied to the Justice Department for a position as an immigration judge. Such judges are appointed by the attorney general.

The D.C. Circuit judges, in a stinging rebuke, responded this week by throwing out rulings in the case from the commission and at least some from its ap-

peals body, beginning at the moment when Spath initiated his job application in November 2015.

"Although a principle so basic to our system of laws should go without saying, we nonetheless feel compelled to restate it plainly here: criminal justice is a shared responsibility," Judge David Tatel wrote in the panel's ruling. "Yet in this case, save for Al-Nashiri's defense counsel, all elements of the military commission system — from the prosecution team to the Justice Department to the CMCR [U.S. Court of Military Commission Review] to the judge himself — failed to live up to that responsibility."

"This much is clear: whenever and however military judges are assigned, rehired, and reviewed, they must always maintain the appearance of impartiality," Tatel wrote.

The CMCR is the Guantanamo appeals body. Tatel was joined on the panel by Judges Judith Rogers and Thomas Griffith.

Michael Paradis, an attorney who represented Nashiri in the

D.C. Circuit case, said the opinion revealed the judges' frustration "that the system is cavalier about such basic roles and so broken as a consequence. The whole thing has become so shambolic."

In a striking insight into the court's thinking, the decision appeared to suggest that the judges considered what Tatel described as a "powerful case for dissolving the current military commission entirely" — that is, they examined the possibility of voiding the entire Nashiri case to date. Such a move would strike an even more massive blow to the military justice architecture of the post-9/11 era.

The government could appeal the ruling. A spokeswoman for the Justice Department declined to comment on pending litigation.

Spath's successor on the military court also left to become an immigration judge.

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DIGEST

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Montana Gov. Steve Bullock (D) presents Luke Phipps, 12, with a fossilized rib and tail vertebrae from a triceratops on Tuesday at the State Capitol. The governor signed a bill clarifying that fossils are part of a property's surface rights, not its mineral rights.

these news reports claiming responsibility."

— Kayla Epstein, Alex Horton and Ashley Cusick

COLORADO**Woman is sought over threat to Columbine**

Authorities were searching for a woman who they say made a "credible threat" to Columbine High School and more than 20 other schools in Jefferson County, a scare that comes just days before the community planned to commemorate the 20th anniversary of one of the country's deadliest school shootings.

Police identified the woman as 18-year-old Sol Pais, who, they said, traveled to Colorado and threatened the schools. They described her as "armed" and "extremely dangerous" and said she was last seen in the foothills clad in camouflage pants, black

boots and a black T-shirt.

Authorities said Pais is "infatuated" with the Columbine shooting, the Denver Post reported, and she apparently tried to purchase a firearm.

Sheriff's department spokesman Mike Taplin said the threats she is alleged to have made were general, according to the Associated Press. Officials didn't reveal where Pais traveled from, saying it would compromise their investigation.

The Denver Post reported that a call to a phone number listed for Pais's parents in Surfside, Fla., was interrupted by a man who identified himself as an FBI agent and said he was interviewing them. The Associated Press left messages at two numbers listed for Pais's relatives in Florida, while another number was disconnected.

The threat led county public school officials on Tuesday to place Columbine and nearby schools on "lockout," which, they said, means classes would continue inside while entries to and exits from the building would be restricted.

Two hours after announcing the lockouts, the school system said all its students and staff were safe. Officials said extra security would be present on the affected campuses. In the April 20, 1999, shootings, two gunmen stormed Columbine, killed 13 people and wounded 24 more.

— From staff reports and news services

MINNESOTA**Man charged in mall injury appears in court**

A man accused of throwing a 5-year-old boy from a third-floor balcony at the Mall of America said little during his first court appearance.

Emmanuel Aranda is charged with attempted premeditated first-degree murder in Friday's attack. Police say Aranda told them that he went to the mall "looking for someone to kill" and chose the boy at random.

Aranda appeared Tuesday in a courtroom at the Hennepin County jail in Minneapolis. Asked by the judge whether he had any questions, he said, "Not at all." Aranda's bail was kept at \$2 million, and an omnibus hearing was set for May 14.

Stephen Tillitt, an attorney for the victim's family, said the child remains in critical condition.

— Associated Press

Man gets life term: A white man who ran down and killed a young black man in Oregon two years ago has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 28 years. News outlets reported Russell Courtier was sentenced Tuesday in the 2016 death of 19-year-old Larnell Bruce. Jurors in March found the 40-year-old Courtier guilty of murder, hit-and-run driving and the hate crime of intimidation.

Prosecutors argued Courtier was motivated by his white supremacist beliefs. Authorities have said that Courtier and Colleen Hunt were in a Jeep driven by Courtier and that he was encouraged by Hunt to drive into Bruce after a fistfight with him at a convenience store in the Portland suburb of Gresham.

Fla. man found guilty of murder in daughter's death: A Florida jury on Tuesday found a man guilty of first-degree murder for dropping his 5-year-old daughter off a bridge four years ago. Jurors in Clearwater deliberated for about seven hours over two days before convicting John Jonchuck. The verdict carries an automatic life sentence. No one disputed that Jonchuck, now 29, dropped his daughter Phoebe 62 feet into Tampa Bay in January 2015 and that he had a long history of mental problems. But

prosecutors claimed his action was premeditated, motivated by anger over worries that Phoebe's mother was going to take the girl away from him.

Antiabortion bill in Oklahoma advances: Doctors who perform medication abortions could face felony charges for not informing women about the possibility of reversing the process under a bill that is heading to the governor's desk. The state House on Tuesday voted 74 to 24 for the bill. It requires abortion providers to tell women who are taking medication to end their pregnancies that the process can be reversed after they take the first of two pills. The bill heads to new Gov. Kevin Stitt (R).

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Shooting at Tenn. mall: Police say a man fatally shot a woman and wounded a man outside an outlet mall near Great Smoky Mountains National Park before killing himself. The gunman was identified as Leon Steven Jones, 21, of Newport-Sevierville, Tenn. The woman was Olivia Kate Cunningham, 24, of York, Pa. The wounded man, John Marr, 75, of Templeton, Mass., was taken to a hospital. Sevierville police said all three were shot with a semiautomatic handgun. Investigators say it appears the shooter didn't know the victims.

— Associated Press

POLITICS & THE NATION

Democrats poised to subpoena report

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

The House Judiciary Committee is expected to subpoena the Justice Department for special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's complete report as soon as Friday, according to a spokesman, as Democrats prepare to fight the Trump administration for access to the attorney general's anticipated redactions.

Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) has refrained from issuing subpoenas for the report and the testimony of individuals questioned during Mueller's investigation — including former White House counsel Donald McGahn and former White House communications director Hope Hicks — until Attorney General William P. Barr releases the report Thursday. But the committee's Democrats have already made clear that the redacted document Barr intends to release will lack the transparency that lawmakers have demanded and the details that they are prepared to go to court to obtain.

"Obviously," said Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), a senior member of the committee, "we will use the subpoena power to the full extent of the law."

In a vote of 420 to 0 last month, the House sent an unambiguous message to the attorney general that members of both political parties want to see the complete report.

Barr has resisted these entreaties, though, pressing ahead with redactions to four types of information: grand jury material; details whose public disclosure could jeopardize ongoing investigations; details that could "compromise sources and methods" used in intelligence gathering; and anything that would "unduly infringe on the personal privacy and reputational interests of peripheral third parties" associated with Mueller's investigation.

Barr has told lawmakers that he is open to discussing how to make more material accessible to them once the redacted report is out but that he has no plans to independently do so.

Trust between Democrats and



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The House Judiciary Committee under Rep. Jerrold Nadler could move by Friday to compel the handing over of the full Mueller report.

the attorney general has plummeted in the weeks since Barr released a four-page letter outlining what he called the bottom-line findings of Mueller's report, taking it upon himself to determine that there was no basis to charge President Trump with obstruction of justice, though Mueller's probe specifically did not exonerate the president of that crime.

Barr's refusal to provide lawmakers with additional details since then — and his statement to senators last week that he believed "spying did occur" against Trump's 2016 campaign — have further shaken Democrats' confidence in the attorney general's judgment.

This state of affairs could influence how House Democrats choose to pursue records from the Trump administration, and from financial institutions connected to the president and his businesses — and how they may use the courts to seek compliance with their summons.

Judiciary Committee Democrats have readied a number of subpoenas. And as Nadler considers the opportune moment to issue one for the full Mueller report, they also are contemplating when and how they might

seek to secure a judge's order to release grand jury materials.

Barr has indicated he is not willing to help House Democrats make that case.

In the House Intelligence Committee, Republican and Democratic lawmakers have appealed to Barr on different grounds: their statutory right to view intelligence and counterintelligence information collected by the executive branch. Chairman Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.) and the ranking Republican, Rep. Devin Nunes (Calif.), last month informed the attorney general that they expect to see "all materials, regardless of form and classification, obtained or produced by the Special Counsel's office in the course of the investigation," and to interview Mueller and his senior staff about their preparation of the report.

Nadler also has indicated that the Judiciary Committee wants to speak to Mueller about the report after the panel interviews Barr on May 2.

Barr has promised that once the redacted report is public, he will be forthcoming about the decisions he made regarding redactions and to forgo charges against the president.

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To pressure Cuba, Trump will uncork lawsuit spigot

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

The Trump administration will increase its pressure on Cuba by allowing U.S. citizens to sue over property confiscated by the revolutionary government that came to power there in 1959, a senior administration official said Tuesday.

The lawsuits are permitted under a 1996 sanctions law against Cuba, but the provision has been waived on national security grounds by every administration since then. The State Department will announce the end of the waiver on Wednesday, with immediate effect, the official said.

The new step, drawing potentially hundreds of thousands of claims worth billions of dollars, is likely to bring quick condemnation from U.S. allies in Europe and Canada, many of whose companies do business in Cuba. It could also affect U.S. entities, including cruise and air travel companies.

Last month, the administration dropped part of the waiver, applying to about 200 entities in which the Cuban security services have a financial interest. The new action will include an untold number of foreign people and companies accused of "trafficking" in confiscated properties that may have changed hands and purposes many times over six decades.

The lessons those investors should draw is that "they've had over 20 years of profiting from property stolen from American citizens," said the official, who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity imposed by the administration. Those entitled to sue include U.S. businesses and citizens, including naturalized Cuban Americans.

National security adviser John Bolton, in a Miami speech Wednesday, is due to discuss the new measure, which also allows the United States to deny or revoke U.S. visas to any person or corporate officer "involved in the confiscation of property or traf-

ficking in confiscated property," as well as their family members.

Bolton will address an organization of veterans of the U.S.-backed Bay of Pigs invasion on the 58th anniversary of the failed effort to overthrow the Cuban government.

The administration's efforts to ratchet up economic pressure on Cuba, initially directed at rolling back the Obama-era opening to the island, has intensified along with accusations that Cuba is the main prop holding up the Venezuelan government of Nicolás Maduro.

Bolton identified Cuba and Venezuela, along with Nicaragua, as a "troika of tyranny" in an earlier Miami speech, delivered in November just days before the 2018 midterm elections. All three, he said, were the "cause of immense human suffering, the impetus of enormous regional instability and the genesis of a sordid cradle of communism in the Western Hemisphere."

Most of the existing and potential claimants under the newly enabled law fled the island in the years immediately after Fidel Castro's revolutionary movement took over Cuba in January 1959. The properties range from vacation beach houses to some of Cuba's largest state-owned and joint-venture companies. Cuba's intelligence and military services are involved in many of the businesses, particularly in the tourism sector.

A number of countries, in particular Spain and Canada, have significant investments in Cuban tourism and mining. Use of airports and port facilities that may have been built on confiscated land could also make U.S. carriers subject to the law. Successful claims would allow attachment of U.S.-based assets.

Canada and the European Union have enacted "blocking" measures that declare judgments under the act unenforceable.

The 1996 Cuban Liberty and

Democratic Solidarity Act codified and expanded the 1962 economic embargo against Cuba's communist government, applying it to foreign countries and mandating that it remain in place until lifting it was determined to be in the U.S. national interest and would expedite Cuba's return to democracy.

Although President Barack Obama reestablished diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba, and lifted a number of trade and travel restrictions, only Congress can lift the embargo.

Trump came to office vowing to reverse the Obama measures and has re-tightened both travel and trade. In recent months, the administration has accused Cuba of being both the brains and the muscle behind the Maduro government in Venezuela. It has charged that tens of thousands of Cuban military and intelligence agents are preventing the Venezuelan military from supporting Juan Guaidó, the head of the opposition-controlled Legislative Assembly, whom the United States and more than 50 other countries recognize as Venezuela's legitimate interim president.

In addition to sanctions on Maduro officials and the Venezuela's state oil company, the administration has also sanctioned foreign companies and vessels transporting Venezuelan oil to Cuba.

The Trump administration has been frustrated by Maduro's staying power, but the senior administration official said that its "maximum pressure campaign" over the last three months has "really come close to bringing the entire government to a halt."

"It's a mistake" to say the situation in Venezuela is at a "stalemate," the official said. "The pressure is growing" in terms of "cutting additional revenue to both Venezuela and Cuba."

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On Capitol Hill, Cabinet members appear to be testifying for an audience of one

White House Debrief
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Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin was growing increasingly impatient as he sparred with Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) in a recent hearing — and he did not hesitate to show his annoyance.

In previous years, "they did not treat the secretary of the treasury this way," Mnuchin said with more than a hint of indignation. "So if this is the way you want to treat me, then I'll rethink whether I voluntarily come back here to testify."

Waters admonished him that past secretaries had not sought to limit their testimony and that "if you wish to leave, you may."

Ultimately, Mnuchin decided to stay. But the contentious exchange in the House Financial Services Committee last week was the type of testimony that has become commonplace during Donald Trump's presidency — as Cabinet officials and other appointees spend normally staid congressional hearings with performances that, at times, appear to be designed for the viewer in chief.

It's another way those around Trump — or those seeking to influence him — are speaking to the president through television, as some Cabinet officials use the power of the president's favorite medium to showcase their aggressive defense of the administration and their eagerness to challenge increasingly antagonistic Democratic lawmakers.

"They are all putting on performances," said Sen. Chris

Murphy (D-Conn.). "They all feel like they're more likely going to get an 'atta boy' if they appear more combative."

Nowhere was that dynamic more effective than with now-Supreme Court Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh in the fall, when Trump was impressed by his confrontational testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee as he alternated between teary-eyed and furious during his defense against accusations of sexual assault.

Though he had been disappointed by Kavanaugh's lackluster self-defense on Fox News earlier that week, Trump was "riveted" by his fiery performance on Sept. 27 — which at one point was so aggressive that the nominee later apologized to a Democratic senator, Amy Klobuchar (Minn.), who had questioned him about his drinking.

In February, then-acting attorney general Matthew G. Whitaker took a page out of Kavanaugh's playbook, sparring repeatedly with Democratic lawmakers pressing him on the extent of his involvement with special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

"Now, in your capacity as acting attorney general," House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) pressed Whitaker, "have you ever been asked to approve any request or action to be taken by the special counsel?"

Whitaker paused before answering. "Mr. Chairman, I see that your five minutes is up," he responded. "I am here voluntarily. I — we have agreed to five-minute



Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin had a testy exchange with Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) at a House committee hearing last week.

rounds."

Some in the room chortled. Others groaned. Nadler momentarily looked stunned, then couldn't help but laugh.

White House officials were thrilled at the combative approach Whitaker took at the hearing shortly before William P. Barr was confirmed as attorney general, according to a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, while Democrats said they were dismayed.

Several other Cabinet members have had tense exchanges while sitting in the congressional witness chair — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and then-Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen have irritated lawmakers by declining to directly answer questions or

saying they don't have the data at hand to answer specific inquiries.

But as much as Trump may love his secretaries pushing back on Democrats, he is also quick to undercut Cabinet officials who have delivered subpar performances in public, particularly when it leads to negative media coverage.

Last month, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos faced bipartisan backlash after she struggled to defend the Trump administration's decision to zero out funding for the Special Olympics in testimony on Capitol Hill. Questioning from Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Wis.) stirred the furor over the proposed \$17.6 million in cuts to the popular program, which the administration had put forward in previous years but was ignored by Congress.

"Do you know how many kids are going to be affected by that

cut, Madam Secretary?" Pocan asked DeVos.

The secretary, smiling, brushed off the question.

"Mr. Pocan, let me just say again we had to make some different decisions with this budget," she said. She admitted that she did not know how many children would be affected while praising the Special Olympics as an "awesome organization" that has ample private support. But the public damage was done as Pocan's office posted a clip of the exchange on Twitter that garnered more than 1.1 million views in less than 24 hours.

Two days after DeVos' appearance before the House appropriations panel, Trump quickly reversed his administration's cuts.

"I have overridden my people," he told reporters.

Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) acknowledged that some Cabinet officials were more "combative" than others and that they reflected the sensibilities of the man who nominated them. But the senator also had another explanation for some of the more memorable congressional performances from Trump's Cabinet. "I think some of them are just not good at this," he said.

But defenders of the administration say Cabinet officials have no choice but to punch back when faced with increasingly hostile Democrats in Congress, particularly with some of the White House's most prominent adversaries holding the gavel.

That appeared to be the case with the recent House Financial Services Committee hearing, a powerful panel helmed by Waters

who faced off against the treasury secretary for more than four minutes in an increasingly uncomfortable tit-for-tat about how much longer Mnuchin would stay and answer questions from lawmakers.

"Mnuchin was being, I thought, respectful," said Rep. Peter T. King (R-N.Y.), a member of the committee who witnessed the exchange. Some Democrats, King said, "basically make Democratic partisan talking points in their questions . . . and the Cabinet member feels obligated to defend himself and defend the president."

King added: "There's performing going on all around."

Another way that members of Trump's Cabinet have defied Congress is by not showing up.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross — embroiled in legal proceedings over the Trump administration's decision to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 Census — infuriated congressional Democrats when he declined to appear before the House and Senate appropriations panels to field questions about his department's budget request.

"I presume it was because he didn't want to undermine the administration's legal position as it relates to the census," said Schatz, a member of the Senate appropriations panel that would've questioned the commerce secretary. "Because every time he goes to Congress, he lies and gets caught."

Schatz then paused. "Did I just say that out loud?"

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Brewing legal battle over Trump documents could be costly and unpredictable

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tooth and nail."

House Democrats said Tuesday that they are resolute about issuing subpoenas where necessary and pursuing them to the full extent of the law. They said they have little confidence that the Justice Department under Attorney General William P. Barr will enforce contempt actions if their demands are flouted, but they said they believe subpoenas can be enforced through civil litigation.

"The Trump administration for some reason feels that the subpoena power that's wielded by Congress is weak and that courts will side with the Trump administration in any kind of dispute about the validity of using that power to produce documents," said Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Ill.), a member of the House Oversight and Intelligence committees. "That kind of overconfidence might be very wrong."

However, the resulting legal battles could be extensive, expensive and unpredictable, based on past litigation over congressional subpoenas.

"This is clearly going to take time to resolve — the question is how long," said Mark Gitenstein, who served as chief counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee in the 1980s.

Going to court over and over again to fight to enforce lawmakers' demands will take resources and, critically, precious time that Congress may not have. Congressional subpoenas — and any criminal contempt proceedings that may follow — expire at the end of a congressional session, which

could make matters moot after the 2020 election.

"Undoubtedly, it will be in the legislative interest to request expedited action by the courts," said Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.). "Here, justice delayed is democracy denied."

House Democratic legal advisors have been poring over past congressional subpoena litigation as a guide as they map out their strategy.

One key test came in 2007, when a House panel sought information from then-White House counsel Harriet Miers about President George W. Bush's efforts to fire U.S. attorneys. The White House objected to her providing information, citing executive privilege, and it was two years before she was required to testify.

During Barack Obama's presidency, then-Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. faced a subpoena and a contempt resolution from the House Oversight Committee, which was seeking information about a controversial border law enforcement program called "Fast and Furious." The effort to secure information from Holder began in 2011 but was not resolved until 2016, long after he left office.

The Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations got faster results in 2015 when it sought information from the company Backpage.com as part of a human-trafficking investigation. The Senate investigators won in court and were able to compel the production of information in about 13 months.

House Democrats believe that their demands for information from the president's banks and accounting firms could move

much faster.

On Monday, the Intelligence and Financial Services committees subpoenaed Deutsche Bank, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Citigroup, seeking information about Trump's business ventures.

Separately, the House Oversight Committee issued a subpoena late Monday to Mazars USA, Trump's accounting firm, for all financial information the firm has

ing the panel's "limited resources to attack President Trump for political gain."

For its part, Mazars USA said in a statement that it "will respect the legal process and fully comply with its legal obligations."

Deutsche Bank said in a statement that it is "engaged in a productive dialogue" with the House committees. "We remain committed to providing appropriate information to all authorized investors

*"I wouldn't cooperate with any them.
I'd fight it tooth and nail."*

Rudolph W. Giuliani, one of President Trump's attorneys

prepared or reviewed for the president's company and foundation.

William Consovoy and Stefan Passantino, attorneys for the president and his company, wrote in a letter to Mazars USA on Monday that a subpoena from the Oversight Committee "would have no legitimate legislative purpose" and requested that the firm provide them with 10 days' notice of its actions "so that we may take appropriate legal steps to protect our clients' rights."

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.), chairman of the Oversight Committee, called the letter "the latest attempt by the President and his companies to throw the kitchen sink at Congress to prevent us from obtaining critical information as part of our constitutional oversight responsibilities."

Rep. Jim Jordan (Ohio), the ranking Republican on the committee, accused Cummings of us-

tigations in a manner consistent with our legal obligations," the bank said.

The other financial institutions declined to comment.

House lawyers are confident that any executive-privilege claim Trump's lawyers might try to assert over the financial records would be inapplicable and that the banks will not be cowed from providing records to Congress.

A senior Democratic aide, speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe internal strategy, said Democrats expected it would be "weeks, not months" before Deutsche Bank turned over the requested materials.

"We don't foresee any issue with them responding appropriately to our lawful and legitimate subpoena," said the aide. "I would be very surprised if any bank did not comply with a lawfully authorized subpoena from a congressional committee."

Two former House counsels said House Democrats have a good shot at winning since they could cut Trump's lawyers out of the equation entirely.

Charles Tiefer, who served as deputy House counsel in the 1990s and now teaches at the University of Baltimore School of Law, said Trump's lawyers would have to sue the financial institutions to keep them from complying with Congress's subpoena for Trump's information. But even then, he was not sure what their argument would be for squashing such a demand.

Some legal experts suggested that a judge could knock down the subpoena because it relates to a private matter, not broader government oversight. But Kerry W. Kircher, who served as House counsel for the Republican majority from 2011 to 2016, said he was not sure such an argument would hold up.

"That's a tall order. Congress's oversight powers are pretty sweeping and pretty extensive," he said. "You can try that; I think that's a loser."

The slew of demands from the House committees has infuriated Trump, who has told aides that he does not want to cooperate with the inquiries, according to people familiar with his thinking.

He is particularly angry about the efforts by the Ways and Means Committee to obtain his tax returns, telling aides he will fight that demand all the way to the Supreme Court and adding that, by then, the 2020 election will be over.

"You're never going to see his tax returns," Anthony Scaramucci, a former White House official

and Trump adviser, said on MSNBC on Tuesday. "He's not going to release them."

The White House also plans to hold back information being sought about how particular individuals received their security clearances, and it will reject requests for notes on the president's meetings and phone calls with foreign leaders, senior adviser Jared Kushner's interactions with foreign leaders, and the president's conversations with Cabinet members about initiatives, among other topics, according to the people with knowledge of his thinking.

Cabinet agencies have been told to seek White House permission before giving any documents to Congress, and lawyers in the counsel's office are closely monitoring the requests, aides said.

The White House declined to comment.

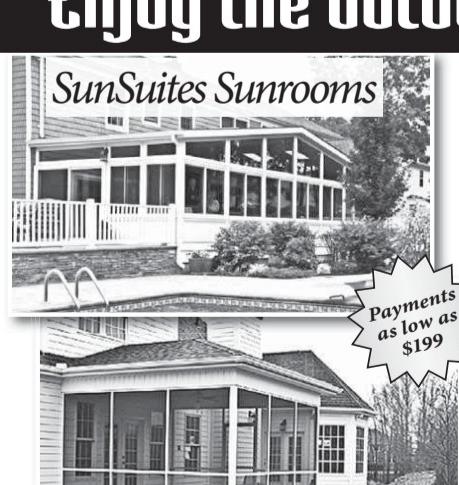
House Democrats who have been bracing for a legal battle with the administration said Trump's stonewalling was maddening.

"They are fighting us on everything now. They're fighting us on release of the uncensored Mueller report, they're fighting us on the president's taxes . . . they basically have decided that they want to thwart congressional oversight power," said Raskin. "It's an assault on the separation of powers and specifically the congressional oversight function."

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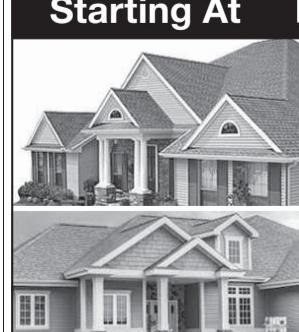
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The service members charged in the death of Army Staff Sgt. Logan J. Melgar visited the Byblos nightclub in Bamako, Mali, shown above, on the night of the fatal assault, witnesses told investigators.

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Elite troops defied rules on alcohol, filings allege

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Officer Adam C. Matthews, grabbed Melgar's legs, while the two Marines sought to duct-tape them.

They moved on to Melgar's wrists but realized he had stopped breathing.

"At this point, we immediately began attempts to revive SSGT Melgar," Matthews recalled in a written description of that night's events that he recently signed and submitted to the military. "He remained unresponsive, so we laid him back down and I began rescue breaths while the tape was cut off of him."

"His chest rose and fell from my rescue breaths, and during one of the breaths, I saw red-tinted spittle come out of his mouth and hit me in the face."

All four men face the same raft of charges, including felony murder, obstruction of justice and hazing, according to U.S. military documents, in the June 4, 2017, death of Melgar, a member of the 3rd Special Forces Group who had served two deployments in Afghanistan.

The case drew attention to criminal misconduct allegedly committed by elite U.S. troops deployed to several countries to carry out secretive campaigns against Islamist militant groups, including some affiliated with al-Qaeda.

DeDolph and Matthews, another Purple Heart recipient, were members of the counter-terrorism unit commonly known as SEAL Team 6. The other two men, Gunnery Sgt. Mario Madera-Rodriguez and Staff Sgt. Kevin Maxwell, were assigned to Marine Corps Special Operations Command.

Some aspects of the case, including the names of the accused and allegations of a coverup, have been reported previously. But hundreds of pages of legal filings obtained by The Washington Post provide new details about the events surrounding the deadly assault.

The documents throw back a veil of secrecy on a culture in which womanizing and heavy drinking were said to be commonplace in the city of Bamako, despite alcohol restrictions and warnings about kidnappings and terrorist threats.

In "stipulations of fact" — effectively, accounts of what occurred submitted to authorities, and not previously reported by the news media — Matthews and Maxwell acknowledge their roles in Melgar's death. Attorneys for both men said plea deal discussions for their clients are underway, as reported by the Daily Beast in March, but they declined to discuss most of the specifics.

Brian Bouffard, an attorney for Maxwell, said the men never intended to harm Melgar.

Grover Baxley, Matthews's attorney, confirmed that his client has reached a pretrial agreement with the government in which his client will plead guilty to lesser charges that include hazing and assault. His case will be referred to a special court-martial, Baxley said. It is considered less serious than a general court-martial and limits the punishment to no more than a year of imprisonment.

Attorneys for DeDolph and Madera-Rodriguez did not respond to requests for comment.

No one else has been charged

in the case, said Elizabeth Baker, a U.S. military spokeswoman. She declined to comment on many of the details in the documents, citing the open court cases. A hearing in the case was scheduled in December and in March and postponed both times. No additional dates have been scheduled, she said.

The documents leave some questions raised in earlier news reports unanswered, including what else might have caused friction among the men.

"It's still a tragic situation, but the motivations behind what happened that night are nothing like what was reported," Baxley said.

Accusations and anger

The documents describe months of tension between Melgar and DeDolph and another SEAL, who was not charged. Melgar and the SEALS lived in the same house, while the Marines lived a few blocks away.

To limit their interactions, the SEALS banned Melgar and another Special Forces soldier from their operations center, another soldier who also lived there later told Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents, according to U.S. military documents.

In the weeks leading up to the assault, Melgar brought foreigners to the residence, the other soldier said. He added that Melgar had engaged in "frat-like" behavior and had acted in ways that got them both "uninvited" from events at the U.S. Embassy. The Washington Post is not naming several other Americans who have not been charged with a crime at the request of military officials due to security concerns.

"Logan, Tony, everyone had a turn at it," the other soldier said of excessive drinking, acknowledging that he also consumed alcohol on occasion.

Earlier media reports said that Melgar did not drink.

Melgar, for his part, had accused the SEALS of bringing prostitutes to the house, a detail that was first reported by the Daily Beast last year. The other soldier living in the house, asked by investigators about the prostitution allegation, declined to answer directly but said infidelity occurred among some people living there, the documents said.

Melgar vented about the men to his wife, Michelle, in a series of messages that she turned over to authorities.

"I fucking hate them," Melgar told her.

She has asked not to be contacted by reporters, U.S. military officials said.

A plan takes shape

Over beers and whiskey at the western-themed Appaloosa bar and a nightclub called Byblos, the men discussed hazing Melgar, service members involved and witnesses told investigators.

Melgar returned home a few hours after leaving the other service members behind on the way to the French Embassy party, and said he had made the right decision because it was a "high-class" event, the other soldier told NCIS agents a few months later, according to NCIS documents. Melgar said he had two or three beers there, the other soldier reported to investigators.

Matthews, in his stipulation of facts, said he and the other three



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men who were charged agreed to tape Melgar up when they returned to the shared Navy-Army residence. The Marines brought more duct tape and a sledgehammer from their residence nearby.

"The sledgehammer was not required for us to gain entrance to SSGT Melgar's room, but we used it because we thought that the noise associated with it would further surprise him," wrote Matthews, who was visiting Bamako for a few days.

Within minutes, the situation had spiraled out of control.

The service members attempted CPR on Melgar, and then retrieved a defibrillator and equipment to open an airway with an emergency procedure on his throat. They considered calling an ambulance, but determined it would take too long and took him to a nearby clinic. Melgar was declared dead there.

In the following hours, the men hatched a plan in which the SEALS would take the blame and say that the Marines had not been in the room when DeDolph put Melgar in a chokehold, the stipulations of fact said.

The men also sought to cover their tracks in other ways. The other soldier deployed with Melgar told NCIS agents that he directed one of the Marines to throw away the alcohol in the house because any service member subject to General Order No. 1 — which restricts alcohol consumption while deployed — would "get smoked" by authorities, according to an NCIS report in court filings.

In the chaos, the crime scene was not fully sealed for hours, the documents allege. Scott Patterson, an assistant regional security officer with the State Department, entered Melgar's room with Madera-Rodriguez serving as a witness. Patterson was unaware that the Marine would later be accused of being involved in the death.

Jason Willis, the regional security officer in Mali, told investigators that when he arrived at the clinic, Matthews was shirtless and had "blood all over his hands."

DeDolph initially said the men had been wrestling,

Willis told investigators, but he was "pacing, in a state of shock,

repeating himself and 'not lucid.'

DeDolph also had blood on his hands, Patterson told investigators.

A State Department spokesman declined to comment, citing the open cases.

In text messages included in the investigative files obtained by The Post, Madera-Rodriguez told an American woman who had been out drinking with them that night that he thinks "about Logan's family all the time." DeDolph was "out of his mind" after Melgar's death, he said.

The woman, who was working in Mali with the U.S. government, recalled speaking with DeDolph that morning several hours after the assault.

"I had a moment alone with him at the table," she wrote. "He said he kills people for a living, but not Americans."

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Afghanistan's first lady rallies nation's women

Rula Ghani has emerged as a powerful voice for their involvement in peace talks

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KABUL — For many women in Afghanistan, peace talks between the United States and the Taliban are evoking the darkest days of their lives, when the group stripped women of their most basic rights.

The Taliban regime banned girls from going to school. Women were prohibited from working. They had to be covered head to toe when venturing outside and accompanied by a male relative, even if that meant their baby boy. Showing a wisp of hair would get them whipped by vigilantes.

The peace talks could return the Taliban to power, and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's government so far has been excluded from the dialogue. (A group of Afghan leaders and the Taliban will meet Friday for informal talks, the first in the nearly 18-year war.)

Ghani's wife, first lady Rula Ghani, has emerged as a powerful voice on the talks and women's role in them. She is working to become, as she says, "the little stone you put under the urn so it will not fall. This is what I do for Afghan women."

Her involvement has bolstered grass-roots movements around the country of women who insist, in the words of one popular hashtag, that Afghan women will not go back.

"I realized, that as first lady, I do have some privileges," Rula Ghani said in an interview in her chambers within the sprawling presidential palace in the center of Kabul, where security concerns have largely confined the 70-year-old to its scented gardens and cherry blossom-lined paths.

With women in government, women at universities, thriving rights groups and a capital city abuzz with young men and women in its cafes, the country has dramatically changed from the time of Taliban rule in the late 1990s.

The first lady wants women's voices to be heard in the peace process, pushing the dialogue beyond the unheeded calls by the United States and NATO for women to be at the table.

"We were not seeing any kind of real work being done to understand what women really want. What are their thoughts? What are their priorities? What do they see as obstacles to peace?" Ghani said with a faint but recognizable French lilt, a nod to her upbringing in Lebanon and studies in Paris.

Afghan women activists say the stated focus of the U.S. peace talks — the withdrawal of foreign troops and efforts of counterterrorism — sideline them by definition. U.S.-Taliban talks in Doha, Qatar, have been marked by all-male photo sessions. Talks in Moscow between Afghan power brokers and the Taliban recently included two Afghan women at a 42-seat table.

And when U.S. envoy for peace Zalmay Khalilzad held a large high-level meeting in Kabul this month with the Afghan president and the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Scott Miller, not a single woman was present.

That might change Friday in Doha, where women will be present in the Afghan delegation announced Tuesday and in the



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Taliban group, a spokesman for the insurgent group said Monday. It was unclear whether the women from either side would participate in the talks.

Even the Taliban has said it now supports women's rights, including education — as long as the rights comply with Islamic principles. Afghan women and

First lady Rula Ghani, seen at the presidential palace in Kabul, wants women's voices to be heard in peace talks with the Taliban. "What are their thoughts? What are their priorities? What do they see as obstacles to peace?" she said of women. Afghanistan has changed dramatically since the Taliban's Islamist rule of the 1990s, and Ghani's work has boosted grass-roots movements that insist, in the words of a popular hashtag, Afghan women will not go back.

men have chafed at this, saying that leaves much to interpretation.

To address women's concerns, the first lady's office and women's organizations set out in August to survey 15,000 women in Afghanistan's 34 provinces, including those contested or under Taliban control.

Each meeting was different. In the southern province of Helmand, women said learning how to read and write was the only way to achieve peace. In the northern province of Samangan, participants burst into song, demanding their voices be heard by the international community. In Konar in the east, where only a handful of those attending had their faces uncovered, women asked to be included "because it is a woman who has raised the Talib and a woman who has raised the soldier," as women from the province wrote in a statement on Twitter.

Not all have embraced Ghani's efforts, however. When her office distributed tens of thousands of dollars last month to impoverished women in the eastern province of Nangahar, members of the Taliban seized the money and set it on fire. Local officials also viewed the move with suspicion, saying it was a political maneuver designed to benefit her husband, who is seeking reelection this year.

The six-month project culminated in an all-female conference in February in the Afghan capital, where 3,500 Afghan women gathered under the massive tent used for the loya jirga, a traditional gathering for debates and decision-making — and the conventional domain of men.

"It was a little bit overwhelming," Ghani said at the memory, a slight giggle lighting up her face.

There, alongside the first lady and the president, the women demanded an immediate ceasefire and that their rights be protected going forward. Attendees later described the mood in the tent's air as one of defiance.

But the event drew zero responses from the U.S. government or the Taliban.

Women's rights activists fear that U.S. statements, including from Khalilzad, that women's rights must be protected in any peace agreement, could be no more than lip service.

"As we've seen, the Americans have their own politics, agenda and plan. But we have told them, a peace deal without women is not a deal at all," said Mary Akrami, director of the Afghan Women Network.

When Khalilzad's American wife, the scholar Cheryl Benard, penned a recent op-ed about Afghan women, her views were widely seen as representing the U.S. diplomat instead. Writing for the Center for the National Interest in Washington, Benard said Afghan women should work hard for their rights, just as Western women did, and stop relying on foreign money and pity to do their bidding.

The Afghan backlash was indignant.

"We have been fighting for our rights long before the American military arrived and will continue long after it has withdrawn," Palwasha Hassan, executive director of the Afghan Women's Educational Center, wrote in response in the same publication.

Afghan women could have their say at the upcoming loya jirga that the president has called, requesting that 30 percent of delegates be women, or in the presidential election slated for September.

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VENEZUELA

Red Cross delivers aid, cautions against politics

The first shipment of aid from the Red Cross arrived in Venezuela on Tuesday, delivering medicine and supplies for needy patients in a country whose president has long denied the existence of a humanitarian crisis.

The organization pleaded for officials to keep the aid out of the nation's political dispute.

"It will be distributed in conformance with the fundamental principles of our movement, especially neutrality, impartiality and independence," said Mario Villarroel, president of the Venezuelan Red Cross. "Don't allow the politicization of this great achievement."

The delivery of international aid has become a focal point in Venezuela's power struggle,

which is in its third month after opposition leader Juan Guaidó declared himself interim president.

Guaidó has rallied the international community and collected several hundred tons of aid, primarily from the United States, on the Colombian side of the shared border. But President Nicolás Maduro has refused to allow it in.

As hundreds of thousands have taken to the streets protesting his rule this year, Maduro has been pressed to address shortages of essential goods in Venezuela. He has selectively chosen to accept aid from allies such as China, framing it as necessary to confront U.S. economic sanctions.

The delivery of any aid is tacit recognition that his country is indeed in the throes of a humanitarian crisis, a notion he has long dismissed as opposition propaganda.

In recent years, an estimated 3.7 million people have fled the nation for neighboring countries, many seeking health care they could no longer obtain.

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TURKEY

Erdogan's party files for a new Istanbul vote

Turkey's ruling party on Tuesday asked that a recent municipal election it lost in Istanbul be invalidated, as partial vote recounts in the city and the fight for the country's commercial hub continued.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Justice and Development Party, or AKP, filed its "extraordinary objection" to the March 31 election results for Istanbul mayor with Turkey's electoral board. Alleging irregularities, the party

previously pushed for a recount of votes, and that process is still underway in one Istanbul district.

AKP and its nationalist ally won a majority of local election votes across Turkey but lost in the capital, Ankara. In Istanbul, unofficial contested results give the main opposition party's mayoral candidate, Ekrem Imamoglu, a 13,827-vote lead over AKP candidate Binali Yildirim.

That difference has dropped from about 25,000 votes with the partial recount.

The electoral board is expected to rule on the AKP's request after all recounts are complete. If it accepts the objection, Istanbul could repeat the vote on June 2.

Both Ankara and Istanbul had been held by Erdogan's conservative party and its predecessor for 25 years.

The AKP still holds 24 of Istanbul's 39 municipal districts.

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Israeli court orders expulsion of Human Rights Watch official

The Jerusalem District Court has ordered the deportation of Human Rights Watch's local director, requiring him to leave Israel by May 1. It rejected an appeal by Omar Shakir to remain, citing his ongoing support of boycotts of Israel during his time in the country. Israel enacted a law in 2017 barring entry to any foreigner who "knowingly issues a public call for boycotting Israel."

The ruling against Shakir was the first time the law was applied to someone residing in the country.

Bahrain revokes citizenships, sentences 69 to life terms

A court in Bahrain sentenced 69 people to life in prison and revoked the citizenship of 138 defendants on terrorism-related charges, the public prosecutor said, in one of the largest mass trials in the nation. Critics say

authorities in Bahrain, a Shiite-majority nation led by a Sunni monarchy, have increasingly used a law that lets the government withdraw citizenship from people charged with terrorism-related activities to also target political and human rights activists.

Russian court jails Norwegian for 14 years on spying charges

A Moscow court has found a Norwegian man guilty of espionage and sentenced him to 14 years in a high-security prison. Frode Berg was arrested in December 2017 and accused of collecting information about Russian nuclear submarines for Norwegian intelligence. Berg denied the charges. For years, the 63-year-old had been a well-known figure in the Russian-Norwegian border area, taking an active role in cultural and humanitarian exchange projects.

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DIGEST

Pelosi warns Britain: No U.S. trade deal if Brexit harms Irish peace accord

U.K.'s efforts to dislodge from E.U. dominate her trip to London, Dublin

BY WILLIAM BOOTH

LONDON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is leading a congressional delegation to Britain and Ireland this week. What's being discussed? "Brexit, Brexit, Brexit," she said.

In the old days, bilateral U.S.-U.K. talks would be all about counterterrorism, intelligence sharing, NATO, Russia and China — and the special relationship.

Today, Brexit dominates. And on one particular point, Pelosi is emphatic: Don't mess with the Irish peace accord.

The speaker said Tuesday that she had warned Prime Minister Theresa May, Conservative pro-Brexit hard-liners and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn that if the churn of Britain's messy break with the European Union in any

way weakens the Northern Ireland peace pact known as the Belfast or Good Friday Agreement, the U.S. Congress will block any trade deals Britain might seek with the United States.

"Don't even think about that," Pelosi said she had warned. "We made it clear to all that if there were any harm to Good Friday accords, no treaty."

Pelosi did not have to remind her hosts that the Trump administration can negotiate treaties and trade deals. But she emphasized that Congress has to approve them.

Speaking at the London School of Economics on Monday night ahead of her visit to Dublin on Tuesday, Pelosi also told Brexiteers that the 1998 Irish peace agreement was dear to Americans. The accord ended 30 years of sectarian strife, known as "the Troubles," that left 3,500 soldiers, police officers and civilians dead.

In remarks Tuesday in Dublin, Pelosi stayed on message, warning that a trade deal between the United States and Britain was

"just not in the cards" if Brexit caused any damage to the peace process.

"This isn't for us an issue or an agreement. It is a value," she told an audience that included Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney.

Pelosi's remarks served to bolster demands by the E.U. that any agreement allowing for Britain's orderly departure from the bloc must guarantee that the border between Northern Ireland, a part of the United Kingdom, and the Republic of Ireland, a member state of the E.U., remains as it is now — open and virtually invisible.

This guarantee, known as "the backstop," would hold no matter what happens in future negotiations over customs duties, trade tariffs and immigration controls.

May has stressed that her government will comply and that, as a signatory to the Good Friday Agreement, it wants to do nothing to undermine it. But Brexiteers in her party and government have balked, arguing that the backstop could shackle

Britain to the E.U.'s rules, perhaps forever.

May's Brexit deal has been voted down three times in the House of Commons, with the Irish border guarantee looming large each time.

In London, Pelosi stressed that getting a trade bill through Congress is "no given" at any time. But "if there were to be any weakening of the Good Friday accords," she added, "there would be no chance whatsoever, a nonstarter, for a U.S.-U.K. trade agreement."

"The Good Friday accords ended, like, 700 years of conflict," Pelosi said, noting that it was President Bill Clinton and former senator George Mitchell who brokered the deal.

"This is not a treaty only. It is an ideal. It is a value. It is something that is a model to the world, something we all take pride in," she said. "And we don't want that model to be something that can be bargained away in some other agreement" — a reference, of course, to Brexit.

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Ireland's prime minister, Leo Varadkar, welcomes U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) to Dublin.

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Egypt's Sissi wins lawmakers' approval to extend rule, potentially to 2030

President also would get power over judiciary; public to vote on changes

BY SUDARSHAN RAGHAVAN AND HEBA FAROUK MAHFOUZ

CAIRO — Egyptian lawmakers on Tuesday approved sweeping changes in the country's constitution to extend President Abdel Fatah al-Sissi's rule and give him unprecedented powers, cementing his authoritarian grip on the Arab world's most populous nation.

The vote — 531 to 22, with one abstention — was widely expected: The legislature is dominated by Sissi's loyalists, and his regime has largely silenced opposition to the constitutional amendments, arresting dissenters and seeking

to stamp out an online protest campaign by shutting down its website. It also has taken steps to restrict online content that allowed Egyptians access to the opposition campaign.

The amendments, which were pushed through parliamentary hearings and debates over a few weeks, will now be put to a public referendum, a three-day process that could begin as early as next week. But critics say an equitable vote is unlikely.

"We know that the vast majority of Egyptians do not support these amendments, but a free and fair vote will be almost impossible," Dina Darwish, an Egyptian American physician and activist, said in a statement. "Many Egyptians fear for what will happen if they do not support Sissi. When a vote is based on fear, it is not a democratic vote."

If a majority of Egyptians vote in favor, it would extend president-

tial terms to six years. So Sissi's current term would be extended by two more years, and he would be permitted to run once again in 2024. That means, in theory, that he could remain in power until 2030.

When President Trump, during a meeting with Sissi last week at the White House, was asked about what human rights groups call a power grab in Egypt, Trump described Sissi as "a great president" and said that "he's doing a great job."

Sissi also would be given new powers to appoint judges as well as the public prosecutor, in effect gaining control over the judiciary. The proposed changes also include amending the constitution to state that the role of the military, which Sissi once led and which remains the force behind his presidency, is to protect "the constitution and democracy."

The measures to bolster Sissi's

influence stand in sharp contrast to the populist revolts in Algeria and Sudan that have toppled long-ruling dictators in recent weeks.

If the constitutional changes are approved in the referendum, Sissi's critics fear that his government will only escalate its ongoing evisceration of freedoms, rights and the rule of law. Sissi's regime has jailed tens of thousands of critics and opponents, all but obliterated independent media and shut down hundreds of websites deemed critical of his presidency.

"These amendments all serve the benefit of one man, a one-man's rule," said a 39-year-old doctor who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he fears becoming a target of the regime.

Sissi's supporters insist that his tenure needs to be extended to allow him time to implement economic reforms, finish large development projects including the

construction of a new administrative capital, and fight terrorism, notably an active Islamic State branch centered in the country's northern Sinai region.

"There has to be an infrastructure in the country for the youth to have a better future," said Ahmad Abdel Baqy Metwally, 62, a retired government employee. "I want Sissi to continue because he is an expert on security. Had not it been for him, we would have been living in chaos and massacres now."

Sissi became president in 2014, a year after he led a military coup that toppled Egypt's elected Islamist leader, Mohamed Morsi. In 2018, Sissi was reelected in a vote in which all of his credible opponents were driven out of the contest through arrests, intimidation or the absence of a level playing field.

More than a week ago, posters and banners emerged across Cai-

ro and other cities urging Egyptians to vote yes in the referendum — even though no date has yet been set. Many were emboldened with Sissi's visage, with a bright-red check mark next to it.

In several drives around Cairo in recent days, not a single "No" poster could be seen. Egypt's weak opposition and pro-democracy activists say they have been blocked from openly campaigning.

Many of Sissi's opponents fear the worst if the "Yes" voters prevail.

"We are concerned that these constitutional amendments will be the final step toward transforming Egypt into a fully autocratic state, with extreme human rights violations and failures in all aspects of life for many years to come," Ayman Nour, a leading opposition politician living in exile in Turkey, said in a statement.

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France turns to task of restoring an icon of Paris

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church's trademark steeple, part of the Parisian skyline since the mid-1800s, had been swallowed in the flames. Char and smoke marks licked portions of the walls. And the roof — with its centuries-old wood — had been destroyed like tinder, leaving gaping holes that let sunlight shine into the cathedral Tuesday.

Officials warned that Notre Dame may still have gravely dangerous vulnerabilities, especially in the soaring vault. But a few government officials ventured inside, and camera footage showed charred rubble in front of the still-intact pews.

In an evening address to the nation, French President Emmanuel Macron described the firefighters as heroic and said he hoped the country would reconstruct Notre Dame within five years — a shorter timetable than that put forward by experts.

"We now have to get things done," Macron said. "We will act, and we will succeed."

He said the rebuilt cathedral would be "even more beautiful."

From around the world, more than \$700 million in private donations poured in for reconstruction, while Parisians and tourists lined the banks of the Seine, bearing witness from a distance after police closed bridges that give access to the site.

France's interior minister said more than 500 firefighters had been mobilized Monday to help extinguish flames that had filled the sky with smoke. But questions remained about whether any warning signs had been missed.

Paris Prosecutor Rémy Heitz laid out a timeline in which an alarm went off at 6:20 p.m., but no evidence of fire was found. Only when a second alarm went off — 23 minutes later — was fire detected.

"In the meantime, the church was evacuated because a Mass just started a bit earlier," Heitz said.

A spokesman for the Paris prosecutor's office later clarified that it was church staffers, not firefighters, who looked into the initial alarm.

Patrick Chauvet, the Notre Dame rector, told French radio that the cathedral's "fire watchers" were on constant lookout and three times each day made "assessments" in the vulnerable area under the wooden roof.

"In terms of security, I doubt we could have done more," Chauvet said.

Buildings such as Notre Dame — full of hidden nooks and passageways, and composed of ancient timber and other old materials — are seen by fire prevention experts as particularly risky, especially when they are under renovation. Stewart Kidd, a consultant on heritage buildings in Britain, said that in old structures, by the time flames become visible, "they may have been burning for an hour" in unseen spaces.

And when there is construction, Kidd said, "the building is exposed to all sorts of dangerous activity."

French officials said they do not suspect foul play. Heitz said



CYRIL ZANNETTACCI/AGENCE VU FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral on Tuesday, the day after a fire tore through the landmark structure. French President Emmanuel Macron told the nation Tuesday evening that he hoped the building could be restored within five years. "We will act, and we will succeed," he said.

there were no indications that the blaze was started deliberately. Investigators plan to interview people from the five companies that were doing renovation work at the site. Before the fire, part of the Gothic structure had been encased in scaffolding.

The Notre Dame cathedral was built over centuries, starting in 1163. It was partially consumed in just hours Monday, as thousands of Parisians and tourists stood sentinel, some singing "Ave Maria" and weeping at the sight.

"Parisians lose their lady," read

one French headline. In Strasbourg, the city's great cathedral, also named Notre Dame, tolled its bell for 15 minutes Tuesday morning in solidarity.

There were no deaths in the Paris fire, but two police officers and one firefighter were injured, officials said.

Culture Minister Franck Riester said on French radio early Tuesday that much of the cathedral's art and artifacts had been saved. The 8,000-pipe grand organ survived the flames — though whether it had suffered

water damage was still to be determined. Riester also confirmed that firefighters had rescued the church's two most hallowed relics: the crown of thorns said to have been worn by Jesus and a tunic of Saint Louis, a 13th-century French king.

The objects would be transferred from Paris City Hall to the Louvre Museum, Riester said.

"It was necessary to bring them out through the smoke," Paris Fire Commander Jean-Claude Gallet told BFMTV. He said firefighters rushed into the chamber

of the cathedral at the height of the fire to make the rescue.

The cathedral's stained-glass rose windows, an ensemble that dates to the 12th and 13th centuries, are also most likely intact, said André Finot, a cathedral spokesman.

"It's a bit of a miracle. We're very relieved," he told BFMTV.

Vittorio Sgarbi, a Rome-based art historian, said that Notre Dame, even before the fire, had been an architectural mishmash — some parts original, but many parts added or replaced.

"This is going to be a fateful event in the story of a non-authentic building, a sort of laboratory," Sgarbi said.

Even as the fire still burned, France was making plans to rebuild the church. Experts predicted that reconstruction could take a decade or longer — in contrast to Macron's goal of five years.

Many philanthropists needed little prompting. French luxury magnate François-Henri Pinault declared that his family would dedicate about \$113 million to the effort. The family of Bernard Arnault, chief executive of the LVMH conglomerate and the richest man in Europe, pledged \$226 million. The Bettencourt Meyers family behind L'Oréal matched that offer. Companies including Apple and the French oil giant Total also made pledges.

"I am not religious myself; I'm an atheist," said Charles Gosse, 23, a business school student who launched an online funding campaign and quickly raised \$27,000. "But this is beyond religion. It is a national monument like the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe."

In their account of the fire and the rescue effort, firefighters told local media that after the first call came in, they had to get through rush-hour traffic clogging streets along the banks of the Seine.

The flames quickly spread from the top level of the nave, eating up one beam, then another, in a portion of the roof called "the forest" because each massive support was shaped from an entire tree. The 750-ton spire, which was originally constructed in the 13th century and rebuilt in the 19th out of oak covered with lead, toppled shortly before 8 p.m.

At the height of the battle against the blaze, which raged for about nine hours, firefighters trained 18 hoses on the church, according to local media accounts. They pumped water straight from the Seine, the grand river that traverses Paris and flows near Notre Dame.

A number of the people who came to see the building on Tuesday said their faith prompted them to come. France, though officially secular, remains predominantly Catholic, and even many nonbelievers are still baptized and married in churches.

"I've been a Parisian for 62 years," said city native Alix Constant, a medical secretary. "When I saw the images of the fire, I had the need to see it with my own eyes. And even more so because I'm a practicing Catholic."

Longtime Paris residents said they had a hard time comprehending the destruction.

"I'm a believer," said Carine Mazzoni, 48, a lawyer who said her son was confirmed at Notre Dame. "It's Easter week. It's a symbol of Paris and a Catholic symbol. It's the history of the world that's united in this building."

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Notre Dame efforts save crown of thorns, saint's 13th-century tunic and more

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"We have avoided a complete disaster," Maxime Cumunel, secretary general of France's Observatory for Religious Heritage, told the Reuters news agency. But perhaps "5 to 10 percent of the artwork has probably been destroyed," he noted.

"We have to face up to that," he said.

Among the items salvaged, said French Culture Minister Franck Riester, was the crown of thorns that many worshipers believe was worn by Jesus before his crucifixion. Also recovered was a tunic once donned by Saint Louis in the 13th century — while Notre Dame was being built.

Those items are now in safe-keeping at Paris city hall and will join a convoy of others soon to be taken to the Louvre Museum, Riester said.

Etienne Loraillère, editor of France's KTO Catholic television network, said Fournier had a key role in saving the crown of thorns and other items. Fournier previously served as a military chaplain in Afghanistan, and in 2015 comforted survivors of the terrorist rampage at the Bataclan theater after attacks across Paris that claimed 130 lives.

Fortunately, Notre Dame was nearly empty when disaster struck.

A fire alarm was first triggered at 6:20 p.m. Monday, but security officials at the cathedral could

not locate a blaze. To be on the safe side, though, the cathedral called off an evening Mass and evacuated the complex.

Twenty-three minutes later, flames were visible — high in the building's ancient wooden frame.

In another twist of good fortune amid the ruins, 19th-century copper statues of the Twelve Apostles and four other biblical figures had been removed by crane from Notre Dame last week to be cleaned as part of an overall restoration project at the cathedral.

Sophie Grange, a spokeswoman for the Louvre, told The Washington Post that it was not yet clear how many objects the museum would be receiving or how long they would stay. Other immovable pieces that made it through the flames — such as the 8,000-pipe organ originally built in 1403 — will be carefully assessed in place for water damage.

The tally of what was possibly lost, however, is already profound. It includes fragments of the remains of Saint Genevieve and Saint Denis, portions of which were installed in 1935 in architect Eugène Emmanuel Viollet-le-Duc's 19th-century spire, which collapsed at the height of Monday's blaze.

Historians emphasized that the cathedral itself was an emblem — and even a crucible — for a certain architectural style and the advancements that came with it. Notre Dame was perhaps



A relic worshipers believe to be the crown of thorns worn by Jesus before his crucifixion is displayed at Notre Dame in Paris in 2014.

the iconic Gothic aspiration, said Samantha Herrick, a historian of medieval France and professor at Syracuse University.

"A lot of features of this church, while not unique, were new at the time," she said. "Stained glass was new. Flying buttresses were new. Gothic architecture itself was new. This was a site of innovation."

For the moment, the most pressing question is the state of the cathedral's stained-glass masterpieces — and particularly the three massive, multicolored rose

windows originally installed in the 13th century and heavily restored 600 years later. Despite these subsequent restorations, the windows still contain some of their original medieval elements.

Images showed that the rose windows technically remained intact, but the condition of the materials was far from certain. "Clearly they were damaged, but to what degree we don't yet know," said Karine Boulanger, a specialist in stained glass at Sorbonne University in Paris.

"We can see they are still in

place, but we don't know in which state they are in, at least in a detailed manner," she said. "Even if the fire didn't come all the way down into the cathedral itself, the heat itself was very intense. And the heat will have impacted the glass, as well as the material that keeps the glass panels together."

The architect Jean de Chelles designed and constructed the northern transept, or section branching out from the main structure, between 1245 and 1260. He then began construction of the southern transept in 1258, but it was achieved by Pierre de Montreuil in the 1270s.

For experts, what makes the monumental rose windows installed in the course of this construction unique is that there are few examples of medieval stained glass in Paris, at least outside of Sainte-Chapelle, a jewel box of a chapel in the shadow of Notre Dame on the Île de la Cité.

But particularly dazzling is the scale of the rose windows. The north rose, for instance, reaches more than 42 feet in diameter and the south rose more than 62 feet, taking account of its additional skylight.

Herrick noted that the particular way in which portions of the cathedral collapsed was a testament to its medieval identity, particularly vis-à-vis Notre Dame's lead roof.

"There's something ironic about that, as medieval sources

were constantly complaining about the cost of keeping up the lead roof," she said. "Fires were constantly happening in the period, and the things most likely to fall in that period were the roofs."

Late Monday, President Emmanuel Macron called for Notre Dame to be rebuilt. And almost immediately, some of France's wealthiest families pledged their support, including Bernard Arnault, Europe's richest man and chief executive of the LVMH luxury conglomerate, and François Pinault, another luxury magnate.

But the donation pledges from wealthy private sources led to some criticism of the French state, which some felt should shoulder more of the burden to preserve such an important piece of national and religious cultural heritage.

In the words of Olivier Gabet, the director of Paris's Musée des Arts Décoratifs: "If Notre Dame is a symbol of France, of its history, of its art, it is also the property of the state. In that sense, if we can only rejoice in the generosity of great donors, we could only be proud that the state undertakes to finance this restoration fully, in these troubled times."

After the flames were put under control, a gilded cross was still standing alone — but intact — in the chancel surrounded by charred walls and water dripping from what is left of the roof.

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A reminder: Nothing's forever, even in Europe

BY GRIFF WITTE

PARIS — Europe tempts the soul with the promise of the eternal.

Especially to citizens of the New World, the old one can look as if it was chiseled in stone at the dawn of time. Its cathedrals, castles, palaces and opera houses form a sturdy and permanent-seeming backdrop in a world increasingly dominated by ephemera. The Instagram photo from a blue-sky spring day in Paris might not last beyond the next scroll, but the landscape it captured will endure.

The blaze that ravaged this city's 856-year-old Notre Dame Cathedral on Monday punctured that illusion.

Over the course of a few hours, a perfectly rendered tableau of stone and wood and glass that seemed fixed and never-changing — as familiar to our grandparents as it would be to our grandchildren — was swallowed in an inferno of smoke and flame.

It was, the French cultural historian Stéphane Gerson said Tuesday, "the most poignant reminder, in this brittle age of ours, that nothing, not even our highest cultural achievements, are eternal."

For the Europe of 2019, no reminder was necessary. There might have been moments in history when Europeans themselves were seduced by the promise of perpetuity. But this is not one of them.

In Europe's politics, demographics and relations with the rest of the world, there is little these days that could be mistaken for stasis.

Each election brings fresh turmoil. Each migrant boat careening toward shore offers new questions about what kind of society Europe wants to be. Each rumble and rip in transatlantic ties gives reason to ponder the fine line between enemy and friend.

The flames that licked the spire of Notre Dame, and ultimately brought it crashing down, were just the most vivid illustration of a truth Europeans have come to know through hard experience: The continent is forever falling apart. And it's forever being rebuilt.

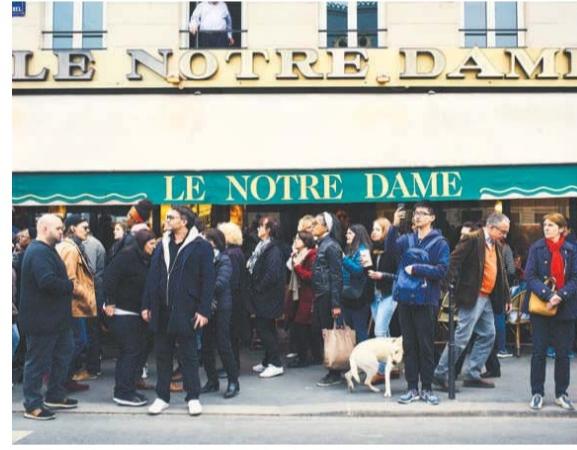
That recognition helps explain why the mood in Paris on Tuesday was far from despondent, even though the city had watched in horror just hours earlier as its beating heart burned.

President Emmanuel Macron hadn't even waited for the flames to stop their spread Monday night before declaring that Notre Dame would be rebuilt.

"Of course it will be," said Benjamin Mouton.

That response was typical Tuesday of the Parisian take. But Mouton is hardly the typical Parisian.

He was chief architect at Notre Dame for 13 years and knows every inch. He knows that an extraordinary trove of construction plans and measurements are on file and can be accessed in service of a reconstruction. He also knows that the cathedral so fixed in the popular imagination is a relatively modern iteration of



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While the fire in Paris was out Tuesday, all eyes were still on Notre Dame in the areas surrounding the cathedral. But as jarring as Monday's blaze was to France and the rest of the world, it was yet another reminder that Europe seems perpetually in a state of renewal.

the ancient structure.

Through the centuries, it's been updated, amended, degraded and defiled. The spire that

crashed so spectacularly on Monday was added relatively recently, just a century and a half ago, after a period of profound neglect.

What will follow now, Mouton said, is a painstaking restoration. It will take a year or two just to

conduct studies and make a plan. No one knows how many years the work itself will last.

"It's not necessary to go too

fast," he said.

Macron on Tuesday evening said he hoped the cathedral would be reconstructed within five years.

"Throughout our history, we have built cities, ports, churches," he told the nation in a televised address. "Many have burned or been destroyed, by wars, revolutions, the mistakes of men. Each time, we have rebuilt."

In the case of Notre Dame, he said, France would make it "even more beautiful."

The president probably would have found agreement Tuesday among the thick crowds that encircled the singed and stricken cathedral, getting as close as police would allow.

With all the money raised — 600 million euros, or about \$675 million, as of late Tuesday afternoon — Laurent Galle was sure that the building could be restored to its former glory.

When he saw Notre Dame in flames on television Monday night, he despaired. But on Tuesday, seeing the building for himself — the stone exterior blackened but still very much intact — gave him hope.

"It looks better than I expected," said the 47-year-old, who owns a construction firm.

The surprise for Galle was not that Notre Dame had caught fire. It was that such a calamitous blaze hadn't occurred before in nearly nine centuries of history.

Elsewhere in Europe on Tuesday, there were more attempts to keep the fire in perspective — and to give lovers of Notre Dame hope that Monday's fire was little more than a temporary setback in a long history that still has many chapters yet to go.

"It's not the end of the world," European Council President Donald Tusk told reporters.

He noted that 90 percent of his city — Gdańsk, Poland — was destroyed in the Second World War. And still the city had been rebuilt.

In Germany, such stories are common. So much of the country was leveled by Allied bombing and street-to-street combat. Much was lost forever. But much was also reborn.

Dresden — firebombed beyond all recognition in 1945 — today boasts a skyline punctuated by Gothic spires restored decades after the damage.

Gabi Dolff-Bonekämper, a professor of conservation at Technical University Berlin, said Dresden's example and others offer hope for Paris.

Notre Dame can seem as if it "has always been there," she said. It wasn't, and it won't be.

But for now, it's possible to restore the cathedral, offering its admirers around the world at least a little stability in unstable times.

"To see this building burn is deeply touching and somehow mobilizes much more feeling than you thought you would have for a building," she said. "Of course you have to rebuild."

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Craftsmen built Notre Dame centuries ago. It may be up to robots to save it.

BY PETER HOLLEY

As the first images of charred wreckage inside the Notre Dame cathedral appeared online Tuesday, engineers around the world said one observation was already clear: To return the ancient structure to its glorious past, builders probably will turn to cutting-edge technology that many associate with the future.

Even before engineers had been able to access the deepest corners of the still-smoldering structure, design experts, preservationists and engineers were already contemplating which modern technologies might be brought to bear to restore one of Europe's most iconic structures to its fabled past.

It's a speculative exercise, they admit, but one that is to be expected with the future of a UNESCO World Heritage site at stake.

The rebuilding effort is likely to draw upon expertise gleaned from disasters such as the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster in Japan and the Brazilian National Museum fire, where experimental robots and new digital tools were used to go places people cannot safely venture and replicate detailed artifacts lost to fire.

Throughout the rebuilding effort, experts say, engineers and preservationists will be forced to wrestle with an ever-present question:

"How do they meld brand new

21st-century technologies with ancient craftsmanship and building trades in ways that keep the cathedral preserved and alive?" said Katherine Malone-France, the interim chief preservation officer of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately funded nonprofit organization based in Washington. "This is going to be a very interesting intersection of technology and craft, and the world will be closely watching how they pull it off."

Some of the technology that will be used to restore Notre Dame has already been on display. As a wall of orange flames roared across the cathedral's roof Monday and hundreds of firefighters mounted their counterattack, high-tech machines had already been brought to the fight.

Hanging in the air above the cathedral, a pair of Chinese-manufactured commercial drones equipped with HD cameras — the Mavic Pro and Matrice M210, made by DJI — helped firefighters position their hoses to contain the blaze before it before it destroyed the cathedral's two iconic belfries, according to the French newspaper Le Parisien.

"It is thanks to these drones, to this new technique absolutely unavoidable today, that we could make tactical choices to stop this fire at a time when it was potentially occupying the two belfries," Paris firefighter spokesman Gabriel Plus said.

On the ground, Colossus, a

robotic fire extinguisher, blasted the nave with water, lowering the temperature of the glass-filled room, the newspaper reported.

In the crucial months ahead, experts say, some of that same technology will likely be used to return the 13th-century cathedral to a place that last year drew 12 million visitors.

One way to start, the experts said, will be to bring in other drones to survey locations inside the vast cathedral that are currently too dangerous or damaged for engineers to reach.

Jerry Hajjar, a civil engineering professor at Northeastern University, said drones can be equipped with sensors — such as small cameras and laser scanners — that will allow engineers to document fire damage and create highly accurate three-dimensional visions of specific locations inside the church.

Hajjar said other sensors may be able to peer inside the church's walls like an X-ray and estimate the mineralogical properties and the degree of stress the structure is under. But the documentation effort could prove more difficult than it sounds, Hajjar said, noting that the higher a drone must rise, the lower its battery life and

the amount of time it can stay in the air. That could prove especially challenging, he said, in a building that stretches 226 feet high.

Another method for testing the cathedral's integrity could involve robots, Hajjar said, pointing out that research is already underway for using climbing robots to inspect and repair steel bridges.

"The value of using robots became very apparent after the Fukushima disaster," Hajjar said. "They didn't want to send people inside because it was too dangerous, but realized they could use crawling robots to go inside the site and get valuable images."

It's possible that much of the 3-D mapping work engineers will be called upon to consult already exists. In 2015, Andrew Tallon, an associate professor of art at Vassar College who died last year of brain cancer, told National Geographic that he had completed a comprehensive laser scan of the entire cathedral. Experts said Tallon's digital techniques could provide crucial information for any rebuilding effort.

There's only one problem: It's not entirely clear where Tallon's scans, which could be stored on a single hard drive, are located,

according to the Atlantic.

A popular video game also could provide another source of digital information about Notre Dame. In a 2014 article in the Verge, Caroline Miouffe — an artist who worked on the video game "Assassin's Creed" — said she devoted two years to creating a model of the church that captured the inside and outside of the building.

Once engineers have a clearer sense of the church's structural integrity, experts said, they'll be able to design a suitable roof. They will have to decide whether to rebuild the roof framing with timber. If they don't opt for a structurally engineered wood, which could reduce the roof's weight and offer artistic freedom, engineers could choose to work with steel.

Although it would depart from the church's original wooden roof, steel would allow engineers to use less material and it would be even lighter than wood, according to Gary Howes, chief operating officer of the Durable Group, a collection of companies that specialize in historical restoration.

Replacing what was lost may not be the biggest challenge, Howes said. Instead, he said, it will be marrying the old and the new, offering the building's worldwide admirers a window to the past that includes upgrades and meets modern building codes.

"This project is going to be more about emotion than structure," he said. "Everybody wants that cathedral to look like it has always looked, the way they remember it."

Fortunately, Howes added, France has an advantage over the rest of the world.

"Some of the best craftsmen in the world are located in France," he said. "Whether it's restoration or even contemporary work, they haven't lost the historic trades like we did here in the U.S. Each year, we go there to learn from them."

James W. Shepherd, director of preservation and facilities at Washington National Cathedral, where damage from a 2011 earthquake is still unrepairs, said the immediate days after an event like Monday's fire will be a critical time for the Notre Dame.

"They'll need expertise there to make sure that they're sorting through the rubble and pulling out things that are salvageable or not," Shepherd said. "You're talking about things that might be 700 or 800 years old that might be partially burned or partially damaged by water."

In Brazil, where fire destroyed 90 percent of the national museum's collection last year, preservationists have used 3-D data to re-create precious objects. Assuming they have access to similar data, experts said the same technique could be used in Paris.

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D.C.'s 'housing first' experiment causes tension

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give tenants who had previously clustered in impoverished, high-crime areas east of the Anacostia River a shot at living in more desirable neighborhoods.

At Sedgwick Gardens, the effort met with wild success. As of February, tenants with city-issued housing vouchers had filled nearly half of the building's roughly 140 units.

Mixed-income developments aren't rare in the District, where officials often require that new buildings preserve some space for working-class residents.

But the situation at Sedgwick Gardens is different: Many of the new tenants are previously homeless men and women who came directly from shelters or the streets, some still struggling with severe behavioral problems.

The result has been a high-stakes social experiment that so far has left few of its subjects happy. Police visits to the building have nearly quadrupled since 2016. Some tenants have fled. In February, responding to complaints, the city began staffing the building with social workers at night to deal with problems that arise.

Some tenants with vouchers say they have been made to feel unwelcome by their new neighbors, a dynamic that has unavoidable undertones of race and class in a largely white neighborhood.

More established tenants contend that they support the goals of the voucher program, but that it has gone badly astray at Sedgwick Gardens, transforming the building into a dumping ground for people unprepared to live on their own.

Even some Sedgwick Gardens residents who receive public assistance say the complex was colonized by the city's housing programs too rapidly and without sufficient oversight.

"It's not about the voucher program. It's not about racism. It's about people's conduct and behavior," said Lorraine Starkes, 61, a formerly homeless woman who moved into Sedgwick Gardens using a voucher about two years ago.

Starkes, who is black, said

*"It's not about the voucher program.
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It's about people's conduct and behavior."*

Lorraine Starkes, a formerly homeless woman who moved into Sedgwick Gardens using a voucher about two years ago. She said some of her fellow tenants with vouchers were not properly screened by city officials before moving in.



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The District raised the value of housing vouchers to give people with low incomes more options in a rapidly gentrifying city. At Sedgwick Gardens, the effort was a success. As of February, tenants with vouchers had filled nearly half of the building's roughly 140 units.

some of her fellow tenants with vouchers were not properly screened by city officials before moving in. Now, she said, those residents have overwhelmed her new home and "are trying to turn it into a ghetto."

The drama within Sedgwick Gardens's red-brick walls exposes

challenges and contradictions in the "housing first" policies for reducing homelessness that have been adopted by the District and many other cities.

That approach calls for placing the homeless in long-term housing without first requiring treatment for mental illness or addic-

tion. Many experts say it is the best way to help people who have trouble helping themselves amid the chaos of homelessness.

But as housing first has emerged as a national policy consensus, some have begun to warn that it is being applied too broadly and at times with inadequate sup-

port for people who aren't ready for the independence and responsibilities of living by themselves.

City officials insist those mis-

takes have not been made at Sedgwick Gardens, calling the disturbing incidents isolated cases.

"I think the reason the issues at Sedgwick Gardens came to a head

is that there were a couple of residents that were causing a problem. That could have been true whether they had a voucher or not," said D.C. Council member Brianne K. Nadeau (D-Ward 1), who chairs the council's Committee on Human Services. "I want us to be careful not to demonize everyone who finds stable housing through a subsidy because not everybody who needs a subsidy is a criminal."

My home's right here'

Built in 1931, Sedgwick Gardens rises on Connecticut Avenue NW less than a mile north of the National Zoo. Past an elegant stone carriage porch is a cavernous lobby, ringed by Moorish arches and featuring a fountain of marble and blue tile, that could be the setting for a scene in a Raymond Chandler novel.

Until recently, the building was occupied by a quiet mix of tenants made up primarily of couples and single apartment dwellers, said Carren Kaston, a former literature professor who has lived at the complex for more than three decades and is president of the Sedgwick Gardens Tenant Association.

That began to change about two years ago.

In late 2016, the board of the D.C. Housing Authority — which sets payment standards for vouchers issued in the city — increased the maximum value of vouchers to 175 percent of fair market rent, as set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

That meant vouchers could be used for one-bedroom apartments renting at up to \$2,648 a month, according to Housing Authority documents. At Sedgwick Gardens, the going rate for one-bedroom units was about \$2,200 per month in 2017, according to a former tenant who moved in that year without public assistance.

Tenants with vouchers pay 30 percent of whatever income they have toward rent, with the city subsidizing the rest.

The move came in a city desperate to offer its residents more affordable living options — and to move the chronically homeless off

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the street. At the last official count in 2018, there were 6,904 homeless people in the District, which has a population of just over 700,000. A recent study by the National Community Reinvestment Coalition found that the District has experienced the most intense gentrification of any city in the country.

Naimah Simkins, the former property manager at Sedgwick Gardens, said that in early 2017, she listed basement units she was having trouble leasing on a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website. Soon, there was a trickle of formerly homeless or low-income veterans bearing vouchers issued by the D.C. government.

Cleveland Park is a bastion of urbane liberalism where just 1 in 20 voters supported President Trump in the 2016 election. Yet from the beginning, Simkins said, it was clear that some of the building's older residents were discomfited by the new basement dwellers.

She likened the dynamic to "The People Under the Stairs," a 1991 kitsch horror movie in which a well-to-do couple live above a cellar filled with mistreated children.

"It would be, like, the smallest thing that they would call the police on," Simkins said. She said the more established tenants "feel uneasy, but if they would just reach out and talk, they would see that (tenants with vouchers) are human beings, too."

After moving into the building about two years ago, voucher holder Joseph A. Bundy, 69, said he was smoking outside one day when another resident approached him: "This lady came up and said, 'Don't you know there's a park up the street?'" I said, "What you talking about, a park up the street? My home's right here."

Lawrence Hilliard, a 69-year-old Marine Corps veteran who previously lived at the homeless men's shelter on New York Avenue, said a social worker took him on a tour of apartments where he could use his rental voucher. At the initial addresses in Southeast, Hilliard said he was warned by residents that the sound of gunshots made it hard to sleep at night.

Sedgwick Gardens, in a neighborhood of parks and small businesses where Hilliard had done odd jobs as a young man, was a revelation.

"It was away from the violence and the foolishness, man, that's the main thing," he said, smoking a cigarette on a recent evening in the building's parking lot, which adjoins a vibrant patch of World War II victory gardens still tended by community members. "And then the violence and the foolishness came up here."

I have a shotgun'

There were 121 calls for police service at Sedgwick Gardens in 2018, up from 34 in 2016. City officials said despite that volume, officers determined just five times last year that a crime had taken place. Still, a number of the incidents left residents rattled.

On Palm Sunday of last year, officers responding to a noise complaint encountered Robert Gingell, who according to a police report could be heard throwing objects around his third-floor apartment.

When they knocked on the door, Gingell allegedly said, "If you try to come into my apartment, I have a shotgun and will shoot all of you. I will pick you off one by one."

A police tactical team filed through the historic carriage porch and across the limestone-and-marble lobby and set up a perimeter outside Gingell's apartment, where he holed up until the next morning. Although no gun was found, Gingell was arrested. He was released — and then arrested again at Sedgwick Gardens two days later, accused of striking another tenant in the head with a flashlight.

Gingell could not be reached for comment. Court documents say he pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted threats to do bodily harm, agreeing to undergo mental health and substance abuse assessments and treatment as necessary.

In February, his community supervision officer reported that he no longer lived at Sedgwick Gardens, but at another apartment building in Northwest Washington.

About a month after the SWAT team's visit, police were called to the building to investigate the whereabouts of 68-year-old tenant Jacob Brooks, who according to building staff had not been seen in weeks. When he did not answer his door, police entered his apartment and found him on the floor of his bedroom, unconscious and not breathing, according to an incident report. Fire and emergency medical services officials called to the scene declared him dead.

The chief medical examiner de-

termined that his death was caused by drugs including fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that often causes overdoses when it is mixed with heroin.

City officials declined to say whether Gingell or Brooks were receiving rental assistance, citing privacy laws.

Tenants say they have also confronted a slew of less serious nuisances such as panhandling, marijuana smoke in the halls and feces discovered on a landing in the stairwell.

Diane McWhorter, a Sedgwick Gardens resident and author of "Carry Me Home," a Pulitzer Prize-winning book about segregation and the civil rights movement, said bureaucratic bungling was undermining the laudable aims of the voucher programs.

"I became extremely disillusioned with the city as a result of this whole thing because I kind of lost faith in their willingness or ability to respond to what was happening on the ground," McWhorter said.

Cleveland Park is the ideal community to test this out because by and large the existing residents are very hospitable to these ideas," she added. "It just would behoove them to try to make this work here. Because the odds are, if it can't work here, they're going to have a hard time selling it in communities that aren't as 'woke.'

McWhorter said landlords also have little incentive to turn away tenants unfit for independent living because the vouchers guarantee them rents in excess of market rates.

And there is an added perk. In buildings such as Sedgwick Gardens, where many older tenants pay less for rent-stabilized units, apartments that are let out to tenants receiving public assistance don't revert to rent control once those tenants leave. Last year, the D.C. Council took action to close this loophole, but the law has not yet gone into effect.

A spokeswoman for Daro, which owns and manages Sedgwick Gardens, said the company had not taken steps either "to solicit or discourage voucher holders from applying" and noted that it was illegal for landlords to discriminate against tenants receiving government rental subsidies.

She said Daro addressed problems with tenants as they arose.

"Beyond enforcing lease violations and working to evict tenants who repeatedly violate the terms of their lease, Daro has worked with city officials, police, case managers, housing officials and other tenants to create a safe environment," she said.

**Housing first
— or housing only?**

For decades, the homeless often faced obstacles in the search for long-term housing. Among them was the mind-set that issues such as chronic mental illness or addiction should be under control before people became eligible to live outside shelters or group homes.

"Housing first" revolutionized that attitude. Backed by a formidable body of research showing that it reduces chronic homelessness, it has become the dominant philosophy in the District and many other cities.

"Housing is therapeutic in and of itself, and there should be no behavioral barriers to access to housing," said Jay Melder, the District's assistant city administrator for internal services. "Housing first is a best practice, nationwide."

But as that practice spreads, some are urging caution against a one-size-fits-all attitude.

Particularly for those who have endured prolonged bouts of homelessness or mental illness, the approach is risky, said David Buck, associate dean of community health at the University of Houston College of Medicine.

While studies clearly support the effectiveness of housing-first programs, Buck said, they can fall apart when participants don't get the follow-up care they need.

Government officials and advocates for the homeless "want one answer for everyone," Buck said. "Housing first and just the voucher works great for some people. But for people who are chronically mentally ill or chronically homeless ... those people don't do as well just jumping in."

A majority of the D.C. Council is backing a bill, introduced by Nadeau, that would require buildings with at least 20 units and 30 percent or more of them occupied by tenants receiving housing assistance to offer on-site access to social services such as health care, nutrition counseling and child care. Nadeau said the bill did not arise in response to complaints about Sedgwick Gardens.

Melder noted that only a portion of the voucher holders at Sedgwick Gardens are formerly homeless or in need of ongoing social services. Some, including families, simply qualified for public assistance because of their low incomes.

Case managers were assigned to those who required services, he said, even before the city began stationing social workers at the building two months ago.

But Sedgwick Gardens tenants say some of their new neighbors seem lost.

Jane Hardin, 79, has lived in the building since 1974. She said most of the voucher holders are good neighbors, apt to say hello or open a door for her. She likes seeing some of the older men who have moved into the building playing checkers in the basement common space.

Then there is the woman who moved in alone down the hall, who moans and screams incomprehensibly for long stretches of the day and night, who seems to badly need help she isn't getting. On Christmas Day last year, Hardin said, she found her sitting by herself near the elevator. It seemed like a good time to try to establish a connection.

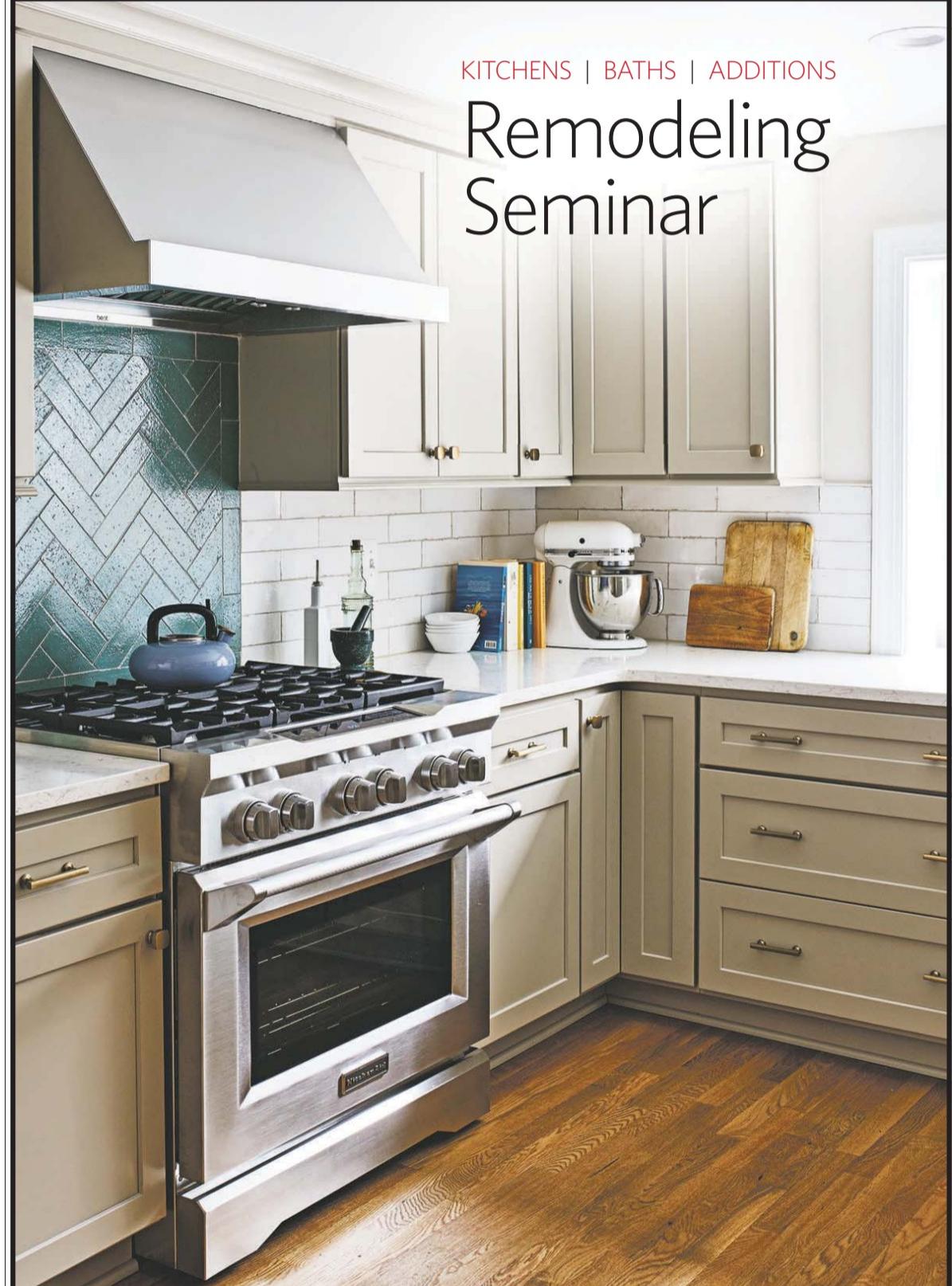
"I looked at her and just said, 'Merry Christmas,' and she nodded her head and almost smiled," Hardin recalled. "But I haven't been able to build on that."

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Longtime Sedgwick Gardens resident Jane Hardin said many of the tenants with vouchers are good neighbors. But she worries about a woman down the hall who screams to herself at odd hours.



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Trying to make long journey to U.S., African migrants get stuck in Mexico

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TAPACHULA, MEXICO — By the time Cédric De Jesus reached Mexico's southern border, he had already traveled 9,000 miles from his home in Congo. He had crossed the Atlantic Ocean by boat and come up through South America on foot and by bus.

The journey had taken him six months, leaving him only one more country to traverse. But just as he arrived in Mexico in March, President Trump threatened to close the U.S. border, and the Mexican government was under pressure to stop migrants from passing through its territory.

So now De Jesus waits here in southern Mexico with thousands of fellow migrants.

Although the vast majority of migrants passing through Mexico on their way to the United States come from Central America, hundreds are from African countries such as Congo, Cameroon and Ethiopia.

Some are holed up in Tapachula, where they have camped outside a federal immigration office, demanding transit permits. Others have languished for months in shelters just south of the U.S. border, as Mexican officials have scrambled to handle the influx.

"It's a great challenge," said Tonatiuh Guillén, the head of Mexico's immigration agency. "These countries are very unusual for us."

The Mexican government says it does not have statistics on the number of African migrants who have crossed into the country in recent months, and such flows are not new. The country has for years been a transit point for asylum seekers and economic migrants from around the world, and it sees periodic surges in migration from countries in Africa and Asia.

But African migrants have rarely been as prominent in Mexico as they are now, gathered in large groups at both the country's southern and northern borders. By late March, hundreds were camping out in Tapachula.

After several weeks of waiting for the transit permits, Africans launched a protest outside the immigration office, yelling that Mexican officials were racist. Mexican television broadcast images of the migrants apparently scuffling with security guards in



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Young migrants from Africa look on during a protest at the office of the National Migration Institute in Tapachula, Mexico, last week.

front of the building.

This week, they were still waiting. Officials have said the office will not open until next month.

"People from here don't want to give us the documents," said one Congolese man, who declined to give his name out of concern for his safety. "We're still here."

Many people fleeing sub-Saharan Africa pay smugglers to take them through Niger and Libya and across the Mediterranean Sea to Europe. Others apply through the United Nations to be resettled as refugees, often in the United States. But both of those options have become harder in recent years.

The Trump administration has sharply reduced refugee admissions. And Europe has pressured Libya's coast guard to turn around migrant boats in the Mediterranean.

"In Libya, I was told they kill black people now," De Jesus said.

"They kill migrants. I was scared, so I chose to go to America."

De Jesus is from Kinshasa, the capital of Congo. He said his brother was killed by security forces loyal to Joseph Kabilé, the country's former president, and soldiers had threatened him, too.

De Jesus and his mother took a ship from Angola to Peru and then traveled by land through Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala.

In Panama, he said, he lost track of his mother, only to be reunited with her weeks later — by luck — in southern Mexico.

Until recent months, many African migrants were able to get transit permits easily. But Mexican immigration officials have been slower to process the permits, as the government has struggled to keep up with the thousands of Honduran and Guatemalan migrants hoping to pass through the country.

Trump has pressured Mexico to stop allowing migrants to transit through the country on their way to the U.S. border. In many cases, Mexican authorities have deported Central Americans and smaller numbers of Cubans, Haitians, Colombians and Ecuadorans back to their countries of origin. But the Africans pose a unique challenge, officials say, in part because they are harder to deport.

"These are countries without diplomatic representation here that can help resolve the situation for each nationality," said Guillén, the immigration chief.

Officials say there were so many arrivals from Africa and Asia that it created a backlog in the registration process.

Many of the migrants are asylum seekers fleeing political violence in their countries of origin, especially Congo and Cameroon. Many of the Congolese lived for years in Angola, where they

learned enough Portuguese to get by in Spanish.

Angola last year expelled more than 300,000 Congolese refugees.

Atagwo Nesco, 27, came to Mexico from the city of Bamenda in northwestern Cameroon. He imagined he would eventually be allowed through to seek asylum in the United States.

Like many English-speaking Cameroonian, Nesco was escaping persecution by the military. He said he had worked as a mechanic, but the military burned his shop down in 2017 as part of crackdowns against Anglophones.

Fearing for his life, he took his family into hiding in the countryside, aiming not to be shot.

"The day they burned my garage, the security forces were supposedly there to protect the population," he said. "But everyone was escaping. The military said it was because the civilians

wanted to carry guns against them. They thought maybe I was one of them."

The family hid in a village in Cameroon.

"I was living in fear, because people come frequently to look for you," Nesco said. "You're preparing food, and you hear a gunshot. Since I am a youth, since I am a man, they will kill me."

He used the Internet to make travel plans.

"For me, it is a good decision to leave," he said. "But I was afraid if I go to another man's land, that they would send me back."

He fled to Nigeria, then flew to Turkey, onward to Panama, down to Ecuador and up to Colombia. From there, he carried on by bus, spending seven days without almost any food in the dangerous Darién Gap between Colombia and Panama.

It took him three months to reach southern Mexico, in late March. Throughout this time, he has been unable to call his wife and his 1-year-old daughter. His family has no idea where he is in Latin America.

At the Casa Del Migrante Amar, a migrant shelter in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on the Texas border, more than 80 African migrants have gathered. Most are from Congo, Ethiopia or Eritrea. Some have been there for months, waiting to be called by U.S. immigration authorities to begin their asylum processes. U.S. immigration agents have said they do not have the capacity to process more than a few per day.

One of the men in the shelter is Danny, a 24-year-old from the Congo's restive Kasai province, where violence between local chiefs and representatives of the government devolved into a wider conflict between communities across a region the size of Germany.

The province is battling the second-worst outbreak of Ebola — the Zaire strain — in history, with more than 600 dead so far.

Danny saw a way out.

"It's the only place where I heard there were human rights, where there was security — I thought about the United States," Danny said.

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Rock 'n Play recall triggers parents' shock and frustration

BY ABHA BHATTARI

When Stacey Garska Rodriguez brought her second child home in July, there was no question about where the baby would nap: in a Fisher-Price Rock 'n Play Sleeper in the family's living room.

"It's something just about every parent uses," said Rodriguez, 34, whose older daughter, age 4, also used the cradle. "We all love it."

So when Rodriguez heard last week that the popular baby item had been recalled following 32 infant deaths, she was "completely shocked." She had raved about the Rock 'n Play for years, written about it on her blog and recommended it to friends.

"You use a product thinking it's safe, and then news like this comes out, and you realize, wow, maybe you dodged a bullet," said Rodriguez, who runs a blog in Houston. "It's scary, and you feel guilty that maybe you had this false sense of security."

Last week's recall of nearly 5 million Rock 'n Plays hit close to home for sleep-deprived parents who have turned to the Fisher-Price product for a moment of reprieve — or a night's sleep — since it was introduced a decade ago. The cloth-covered cradle vibrates, plays music and positions the baby at an incline. At \$40 to \$150, it is a staple of baby registries and must-have lists. It is also sometimes recommended by pediatricians for infants with con-

gestion or acid reflux.

But on Friday, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission officially issued a recall, saying consumers should immediately stop using them. The American Academy of Pediatrics called the product "deadly" and reiterated that infants should not sleep on products that are inclined or require restraining a baby.

The news set off a whirlwind of emotions for parents, who said they were shocked, frustrated and angered that the Rock 'n Play had remained on shelves so long. They were also confused, they said, that details of the incidents were difficult to come by.

Original reports had said that 10 babies, all older than 3 months, had died when they rolled over while unrestrained in the cradle. But last week, a Consumer Reports investigation found that at least 32 children had died, including some younger than 3 months who had died of asphyxia when they were unable to breathe in the cloth-covered cradle.

Fisher-Price is offering full cash refunds for Rock 'n Plays purchased in the past six months. Sleepers bought before that are eligible for a voucher toward a new Fisher-Price product. The company said it will take three to four months to process the recalls and is asking parents to disassemble their Rock 'n Plays and send back the two hub pieces that hold the cradle together.



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Miana Tompkins of Alexandria, Va., is transitioning her 4-month-old son, Mason, out of the Fisher-Price Rock 'n Play Sleeper. "Every single parent I know uses a Rock 'n Play," she says.

"It feels like mental whiplash," said Heather Lenox, 36, a mother of five in Cedarburg, Wis. "This is a product that's supposed to be helpful, but now all of a sudden, you're telling me it's harmful."

Lenox said she bought a Rock 'n Play four years ago after her pediatrician recommended putting

her baby to sleep on an incline to ease symptoms of congestion and acid reflux.

Pediatricians and sleep consultants say they've received an influx of calls and emails from worried parents. "The first reaction that I'm hearing is shock," said Jilly Blankenship, a pediatric

nurse and baby sleep consultant in San Francisco. "Then bewilderment about what on earth they're going to do now."

Blankenship said she has been telling parents for years that the device does not meet standards for safe sleep, but parents often turn to the Rock 'n Play as a last

resort, when their babies have trouble staying asleep in a crib or bassinet.

"They're often desperate and saying, 'What do we do now if our baby won't sleep anywhere else?'" she said.

Miana Tompkins, 28, has spent the past week transitioning her 4-month-old son out of a Rock 'n Play and into his bassinet. She began using the rocker as soon as she came home from the hospital, she said, because it helped with his acid reflux.

"If I tried to lay him flat, he'd cough and choke," said Tompkins, a real estate agent in Alexandria. "This was the only way he could keep his milk down and actually get some sleep."

But Tompkins said she's putting away the rocker for good.

"We're not going to use it again, but the whole situation is just unfortunate," she said. "Every single parent I know uses a Rock 'n Play — literally everybody."

Rachel Tombari, who has a 2-year-old, has no plans to return her rocker, which is stashed in the attic for future children.

"When we heard about the recall, my friends and I all had the same reaction: Total shock," said Tombari, 32, a therapist in West Orange, N.J.

But, she said, they had all agreed on something else, too: "There's no way we're sending back our Rock 'n Plays."

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Apple and Qualcomm settle their years-long lawsuit over iPhone chips

BY REED ALBERGOTTI

Apple and Qualcomm announced Tuesday that they have settled their years-long litigation over the use of Qualcomm's chips in Apple's iPhones.

The agreement includes the dismissal of all litigation between the two companies worldwide, a six-year licensing agreement and a multiyear supply agreement. According to a statement from the companies, Apple will also make a payment of an unspecified amount to Qualcomm.

The agreement was announced after lawyers made their opening arguments in what was expected to be a three-week trial in a San Diego federal court.

Before the case settled, each side made blistering arguments attacking the other. Apple lawyer Ruffin Cordell accused Qualcomm of tricking standards bodies into using antiquated technology and then price-gouging Apple and its contract manufacturers into paying for technology they didn't need.

In response, Qualcomm lawyer Evan Chesler revealed new docu-

ments that he said outlined a five-year plot by Apple to weaken the San Diego company through litigation to extract lower prices for technology in the iPhone. Then Apple did exactly what it had laid out in its secret plan, Chesler said, suing the company and twisting the arms of contract manufacturers to withhold royalty payments from Qualcomm. "This is like watching a play that you've already seen," Chesler said in court.

The settlement sent Qualcomm's stock soaring 22 percent Tuesday, raising the fortunes of the embattled company almost instantly. Qualcomm last year laid off more than 1,500 employees, in part to handle the onslaught of litigation and to reduce costs in the wake of a hostile takeover bid by rival Broadcom.

Qualcomm is still facing head winds, including from Apple, which opened an office in San Diego in an effort to hire wireless-industry talent and develop its own modem chip. The wireless industry is competitive, and if Qualcomm can't stay at the forefront of the technology, it could

lose its edge.

Tuesday's settlement is the culmination of a case that began in January 2017, when Apple alleged that the chipmaker and wireless pioneer had a stranglehold on the market for wireless modem chips that, until recently, were used in the iPhone. Apple contended that Qualcomm leveraged its position to overcharge for its patent licenses.

Rather than bend to Apple's demands, Qualcomm countered. Then Apple sued back. Before Tuesday's settlement, the two companies filed more than 80 lawsuits against one another in Asia, Europe and the United States.

As the price of an iPhone increased over the years, Qualcomm earned more money because its technology licensing agreements were based on the wholesale price of the phone. Apple found this fact particularly irksome. Unlike other handset-makers, Apple negotiated its fee to about \$7.50 per unit, according to court filings and a person familiar with the matter. That's a price that until the end Apple

believed was too high.

Apple also took issue with Qualcomm's sale of model chips, in addition to a licensing fee that bundled all of Qualcomm's technology together. In its opening argument Tuesday, Apple argued that was like paying twice, and likened it to buying Kentucky Fried Chicken and being charged extra for a license for all the methods and spices that went into cooking the chicken.

Qualcomm responded by arguing that the bundle of technology patents includes not just the chip technology but myriad wireless tech that Apple needs in its iPhones. Apple was asking to pay for its chicken and get a free side of potatoes, Qualcomm said.

Some nations have taken a dim view of Qualcomm's licensing strategy. In 2015, the Chinese government fined the company \$975 million for the way it bundled its licenses, forcing more favorable terms for Chinese manufacturers. In December 2016, South Korea fined Qualcomm \$865 million for allegedly refusing to license competing chipset companies, a claim Qualcomm

denies. The two sides eventually reached a settlement.

Then, in January 2017, the Federal Trade Commission brought its own case against Qualcomm stemming from the same issues. The company defended itself in an 11-day trial this January and is awaiting a decision from Judge Lucy Koh.

The terms of Apple's new licensing agreement with Qualcomm were not disclosed Tuesday, and it's unclear whether those terms will still leave Qualcomm in the crosshairs of the FTC. Qualcomm could have licensing agreements with other companies that the agency may find problematic. The FTC declined to comment Tuesday.

The FTC case marked the beginning of a tough year for Qualcomm. Apple filed its lawsuit later that same month. Then, in November 2017, Broadcom — which began as a U.S. corporation but was sold to Singapore's Avago Technologies in 2015 — made an unsolicited offer. When Qualcomm's board rejected the deal, it turned into a hostile takeover bid. In March 2018, the United

States blocked the Broadcom takeover bid, citing concerns that the deal would hurt innovation and give foreign companies an advantage in developing cutting-edge wireless technology.

Before Tuesday, Apple had stopped making royalty payments, costing Qualcomm more than \$7 billion, putting financial strain on the company and forcing it to curtail some research and development.

Qualcomm chief executive Steve Mollenkopf and Apple chief executive Tim Cook, whose relationship grew tense in recent months, were both set to testify in the trial before the settlement ended it.

The two companies had gone so far as to select a jury Monday and to summarize their arguments in opening statements in court Tuesday, but they didn't wait to see what a panel of ordinary people would think about who was right and who was wrong in the acrimonious battle. Just before Qualcomm finished its opening remarks, the two sides came to an agreement.

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three months of the year, factory output fell at an annual rate of 1.1 percent.

Utility production rose 0.2 percent after a sharp 3.7 percent increase in February.

— Associated Press

MINING

Zinke joins corporate board of U.S. Gold

Former U.S. interior secretary Ryan Zinke, who stepped down in December amid ethics investigations, has joined the board of junior mining exploration company U.S. Gold, the firm said Tuesday.

Zinke, who ran the Interior Department, which oversees America's vast public lands,

aggressively pursued President Trump's agenda to promote oil drilling and coal mining by expanding federal leasing, cutting royalty rates and easing land protections despite environmental protests.

"We think his credibility and gravitas will give us visibility, which we need to advance the company and benefit our shareholders," U.S. Gold chief executive Edward Karr said.

In a statement, Zinke said his work at Interior "can add tremendous value to the company."

— Reuters

ALSO IN BUSINESS

Lower sales overseas and higher costs for research and litigation pushed Johnson & Johnson's

first-quarter profit down 14 percent. Still, the health-care giant beat profit and revenue expectations. The maker of Tylenol and psoriasis drug Stelara on Tuesday said unfavorable currency exchange rates reduced revenue by nearly 4 percent, leaving total sales flat at \$20.03 billion. Sales of prescription medicines were the bright spot as usual, rising 4 percent and accounting for over half of the company's total revenue.

Starbucks is planning to expand its investment in solar farms and use the energy to power hundreds of its coffee-serving stores in Texas. Seattle-based Starbucks on Monday announced the deal with

Cypress Creek Renewables and U.S. Bank. A statement says the companies are combining forces on solar farm operations throughout Texas. Terms weren't released. Two solar farms built and operated by Cypress Creek provide enough energy for the equivalent of 360 Starbucks in Texas. Company officials say Starbucks is separately investing in six Cypress Creek-owned solar farms in Texas.

Caesars Entertainment is appointing a gambling industry veteran as its chief executive. The casino giant named Tony Rodio as CEO Tuesday. He'll replace Mark Frissora, who guided the company through bankruptcy reorganization. The change in leadership comes two

months after billionaire investor Carl Icahn disclosed a large stake in the casino and began pushing for fundamental changes. Caesars, which operates more than 35 U.S. casinos, emerged from bankruptcy protection in late 2017, but it's been struggling since. A committee is being put into place to consider a sale, among other things.

— From news services

COMING TODAY

8:30 a.m.: Commerce Department releases international trade data for February.

2 p.m.: Federal Reserve releases the "beige book."

U.S. industrial output slips amid mining drop

U.S. industrial production fell in March, pulled down by a drop in mining output. Factory output remained weak amid a slowing global economy and trade tensions with China.

The Federal Reserve said Tuesday that industrial output — combining production at factories, utilities and mines — slipped 0.1 percent in March from the previous month.

Mining output declined 0.8 percent but was up 10.5 percent from March 2018.

Manufacturing production was flat after dropping in January and February. In the first

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Report: Consumers in U.S., overseas are spending less on nearly everything

Shoppers in more than half of nations surveyed expect a worse economy

BY ABHA BHATTARAI

Consumers around the world are likely to spend more cautiously in the coming months amid political and economic uncertainty, according to a new report that surveyed shoppers in 64 countries.

Shoppers said they have cut back on clothing and entertainment costs in the past year, and have taken measures to save on

gas and electricity, according to the Conference Board Global Consumer Confidence Survey, conducted in collaboration with Nielsen. Consumers in Europe and Latin America are buying cheaper alcohol and groceries, while Asian shoppers are scaling back their annual vacations.

"There's a wait-and-see attitude," said Denise Dahlhoff, senior researcher for consumer research at the Conference Board, which surveyed 32,000 online shoppers worldwide. "Consumers are taking note of what's happening around them and are adjusting their attitudes and behaviors. They're playing it safe."

Consumers in more than half the countries surveyed said they

expect economic conditions to worsen in the coming year, the survey found. Uncertainty over international trade negotiations, Brexit and whatever President Trump might do or say next has taken a toll on how much people plan to spend, particularly in North America and Europe, Dahlhoff said. Overall, the Global Consumer Confidence Index slipped one point to 106 in the first quarter of 2019.

"Despite the high levels of confidence globally, consumers in different markets have different views about where the economy is heading in 2019," said Bart van Ark, global chief executive of the Conference Board. "The majority of global consumers do not

expect conditions to become more favorable over the next 12 months."

But, Dahlhoff said, a pullback in consumer spending could be an opportunity for certain types of businesses to win over new shoppers. Retailers such as TJ Maxx and Burlington Coat Factory flourished during the past economic downturn and have continued to draw consumers who want to feel good about scoring bargains.

The \$24 billion secondhand clothing market, meanwhile, is expected to double in the next five years, as younger shoppers look for ways to save money and reduce waste, according to retail analytics firm GlobalData.

"People are not averse to spending if they see value and benefits," she said. "The second-hand clothing market is growing tremendously. Private-label brands are gaining acceptance. There is room for companies to play around with new ideas."

According to the survey, consumer confidence in the United States remained unchanged during the first quarter. In Europe, confidence levels declined after peaking in late 2017. Consumer confidence levels were the lowest in South Korea, Russia and Italy.

There were, however, some bright spots, particularly in emerging economies. Consumer confidence in the Asia-Pacific region remained at a historic

high, driven by strength in India, Indonesia and Philippines.

And even though consumers said they planned to spend less in the coming year, they remained largely optimistic about job prospects and personal finances. Nearly 60 percent of those surveyed said they felt "excellent" or "good" about their employment situation, while 63 percent said they had a positive view of their personal finances.

"The picture is mixed," Dahlhoff said. "Consumers may be feeling good about their personal financial situation, but they are not quite sure what's on the horizon."

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A Ky. county struggles to provide its residents with clean drinking water

Years of infrastructure deterioration have led to health, funding concerns

BY FRANCES STEAD SELLERS

LOVELY, KY. — When the well water here turned brown and started tasting salty, Heather Blevins's parents hooked their property on Dead Man's Curve into the municipal supply. It seemed like a blessing until new hazards emerged: Today, Blevins says, the tap water smells of bleach, occasionally takes on a urine-colored tinge, and leaves her 7- and 8-year-old children itching every time they take a bath.

"The way the water is now, I'd rather have well water," said Blevins, 44, who keeps a constant eye on the county water district's Facebook page to watch for pipe breaks and boil-water advisories. Blevins, who says her water rates rocketed recently from \$19 to almost \$40 a month, sets aside money from her \$980 Social Security check for bottled drinking water and chemical-free baby wipes to keep her allergy-prone children clean.

"It shouldn't be like that," she said.

It's been "like that" for decades here in Martin County, as it has in other pockmarked parts of coal country. The water crisis peaked last year when service to many residents was shut off, members of the water board quit, and the attorney general opened a criminal investigation into allegations of mismanagement. The Kentucky House recently passed a resolution asking Gov. Matt Bevin (R) to declare a state of emergency and free up resources to fix the dilapidated system.

On Saturday, Bevin held a community forum with residents in Inez, the county seat, where he said he had not decided about the state of emergency but pledged to channel state and federal dollars toward the problem.

"We've done more in the last three months than was done in the previous three years," Bevin said.

The water board's new chairman, Jimmy Don Kerr, has taken a lead role in trying to reverse the downward trend.

But State Rep. Chris Harris (D), who advocated for the state of emergency, warned that Martin County's problems could soon be everyone's.

"As the infrastructure deteriorates around the country, we are going to see more and more Martin Counties," he said.

The challenges are monumental here in Appalachia and beyond: The American Society of Civil Engineers gave the nation's drinking-water system a D grade in its quadrennial report card. The network of more than 1 million miles of pipes includes many that are a century old and have a 75-year life expectancy. Across the country, 14 percent of treated water is lost through leaks, and here in Martin County, that figure has at times reached more than 70 percent. The American Water Works Association estimates that it will take \$1 trillion to support demand over the next 25 years; in Martin County, repairs carry a price tag exceeding \$10 million.

President Trump, like President Barack Obama before him, touted the economic importance of repairing the country's crumbling infrastructure. Neither has succeeded. Among the 2020 presidential candidates, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) stands out for her emphasis on improving infrastructure as a major policy proposal, calling for \$1 trillion in federal and state funds to be spent in seven areas, including updating bridges and Internet connectivity, and ensuring clean water.

Drinking water, which is typically funded by local rates, is a particularly tough sell, with little to show for investment that is largely spent underground. Updating small systems such as Mar-



Junior Hunt, left, and Bobby Fletcher pick up donated water in Huntleyville, Ky., to share with Martin County residents. The Kentucky House recently passed a resolution asking Gov. Matt Bevin (R) to declare a state of emergency over water conditions. On Saturday, Bevin pledged to channel state and federal dollars toward the problem.

tin County's presents additional problems, experts say, because they lack economies of scale and have limited technical and managerial resources.

'An increased risk of cancer'

Greg Scott, the water district's new general manager, sounds optimistic as he speaks from an office at the treatment plant, where he stores stacks of bottled water — handouts for residents whose supply fails.

Only two of the three giant blue clarifier tanks at the plant are operable, and the district is deeply in debt.

"We can climb out of the hole," he said.

It is a heady goal for this coal-fueled county where Lyndon B. Johnson launched his War on Poverty 55 years ago. Forty percent of the 12,000 residents still live below the poverty line, and the unemployment rate is well above the national average.

The closure of coal mines has taken away jobs and also the coal severance funds that companies pay to mining communities.

"For all of the money that came out of those hills, they should have the best water system, the best schools and colleges," said Gail Brion, a professor of engineering at the University of Kentucky. "I don't see that they have gotten their fair share."

Hilly terrain, carved by rivers and punctuated by springs, exacerbates the technical challenges, as water has to be forced under high pressure to reach families up in the mountains. Leaks create a vacuum that sucks in the surrounding dirt and can create a hazardous concoction with disinfecting chemicals.

For years, customers' utility bills warned that prolonged exposure to contaminants could lead to problems with the "liver, kidneys, or central nervous system" and "an increased risk of cancer." And for years, according to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), which regulates utilities and has conducted investigations into Martin County, the water board failed to take the politically unpopular step of raising rates to make improvements.

"If you don't keep up infrastructure, costs balloon out of control,"



Heather Blevins with her daughter Caitlyn, 7, at their home in Lovely, Ky. The municipal water makes her children itch, Blevins, 44, says. "The way the water is now, I'd rather have well water," she says.

said Andrew Melnykovych, a PSC spokesman who described the recent rate increase as a necessary catch-up.

Mike Schmitt, chairman of the PSC, called Martin County "by far the worst water district, in my opinion, in the state of Kentucky."

A few residents kept a close eye on the mounting crisis, posting news of pipe breaks and photos of filthy water online, as well as bird-dogging local officials. After Nina McCoy, of Martin County Concerned Citizens, started working with the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, the attorney general opened his inquiry into the whereabouts of a "\$3 million grant from the Coal Severance Fund," among other things. Any potential criminal findings, Andy Beshear's office said, will be presented to a Martin County grand jury.

Former judge executive Kelly Callahan, who used to appoint the board, denied that money had been misspent but acknowledged that there had been mismanagement. He said it stemmed from board members' unwillingness to cut off people who did not pay

their bills.

"When you live in a small town, these people, you're going to see them at the store, at the post office," Callahan said.

Kerr, who said he drinks the local water, promises transparency. But decades of mistrust have tainted attitudes toward any development — prime among them the construction of a high school that is almost complete but lacks on-site water.

The project has been beset by delays over the route the waterlines should take and a request for a much larger water tank than the school needed. Callahan and James Booth, a former coal baron and chairman of the Martin County Economic Development Authority, said that they requested the tank to provide for new industrial park, as well. Critics, including McCoy, worry that the added demand will put more pressure on a system strained to the breaking point — and that the person likely to profit most is Booth, who owns gas stations, convenience stores and other commercial enterprises in the county.

For now, tanker trucks fill up in Inez and drive uphill to the construction site, where they disgorge the water into smaller tanks.

Larry James, the schools superintendent, declined an interview. Booth did not respond to calls or emails. Asked whether he saw potential conflicts of interest, Callahan said: "I guess it could kind of be. But would you rather not have nothing than [Booth] developing these good jobs?"

Kerr said he has decided to look forward.

"It doesn't bother me. Maybe it should, but it doesn't," he said. "He is the one guy in town who can provide future economic development."

Kerr has secured two federal grants totaling nearly \$5 million and says more than \$3 million could be on the way. The water district is now paying its bills and has repaid about \$150,000 of its more than \$1 million debt.

The health warnings are gone from utility bills, following changes in the chlorination process.

He has set priorities, starting with the hydraulics.

"We're steering the ship, not just plugging the leaks," Kerr said. "Literally."

He is also trying to engage local activists and has asked McCoy to join the water board. Even if he finds money to pay for repairs, a rate-based system depends on customers using the water.

"I don't know how we change people's minds," Kerr said. "That's what keeps me up. How do we get people to trust the water again?"

Ongoing distrust

"Dementia. Dementia. Dementia," says BarbiAnn Maynard, pointing to her neighbors' houses one by one from her front window. At 62, her father has neurological symptoms she can't explain, and she wonders whether the "central nervous system" problems she used to read about on her water bills have anything to do with them.

Every 10 days, Maynard drives about 30 minutes from her home in Huntleyville to fill one-gallon plastic jugs from a hose that spews spring water toward a four-lane highway. Scientists from Virginia Tech have told her that the water tests positive for E. coli and coliform bacteria, but Maynard said she would rather boil it than drink her tap water.

Since a neighbor died in a house fire, she worries that firefighters might not be able to help others, such as Jess Taylor, who lives on a mountaintop across the road where the water pressure is low, so she collects rainwater in buckets for her goats and to flush toilets.

Many people, such as Blevins, buy bottled water. Others hope for donations, which flow in on small rented trucks and vast 18-wheeler

In early April, Lydia Coffey and Cathy Carter, both retired teachers, drove four hours in a U-Haul to deliver bottled water collected through the informational group Kentucky Teachers in the Know.

They unloaded cases onto a trailer, then paused to chat with local residents. Carter's voice broke as she rested in the back of the now-empty U-Haul.

"It makes me emotional that people have to deal with this in the 21st century," she said, "in the country that's supposed to be so great."

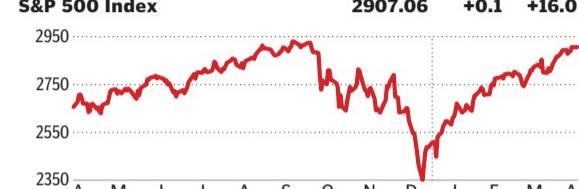
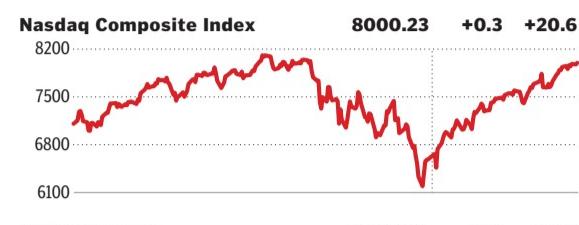
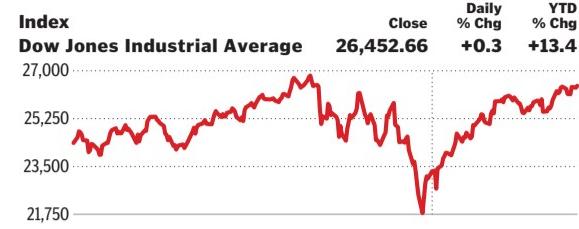
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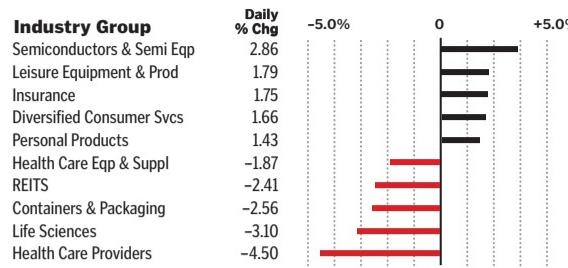
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Company	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg	Company	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
3M Co	216.90	0.5	13.8	JPMorgan Chase	111.10	1.1	13.8
AmEx	111.88	1.2	17.4	McDonald's	191.70	-0.1	8.0
Apple Inc	199.25	0.0	26.3	Merck	77.56	-1.2	1.5
Boeing	381.72	1.7	18.4	Microsoft	120.77	-0.2	18.9
Caterpillar	142.03	1.3	11.8	Nike	87.80	1.1	18.4
Chevron Corp	121.17	0.9	11.4	P&G Co	106.42	0.7	15.8
Cisco Systems	56.95	0.7	31.4	Pfizer Inc	40.92	-2.8	-6.3
Coca-Cola	46.95	-0.1	-0.8	Travelers	138.34	1.1	15.5
Dow Inc	58.50	1.2	1.2	United Tech	135.34	0.6	27.1
Exxon Mobil	81.20	0.7	19.1	UnitedHealth	220.96	-4.0	-11.3
GoldmanSachs	201.84	1.0	20.8	Verizon	58.79	0.1	4.6
Home Depot	204.47	-0.2	19.0	Visa Inc	160.23	-0.1	21.4
IBM	145.14	0.9	27.7	Walgreen	54.84	1.1	-19.7
Intel Corp	56.71	0.8	20.8	Walmart	102.93	0.5	10.5
J&J	138.02	1.1	7.0	Walt Disney	129.90	-1.6	18.5

Other Measures

Index	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
DJ Total Stock Market Index	29,960.36	0.0	16.5
Russell 2000	1582.79	0.2	17.4
Post-Bloomberg DC Area Index	569.83	0.1	21.5
CBOE Volatility (VIX)	12.18	-1.1	-52.1

S&P 500 Industry Group Snapshot

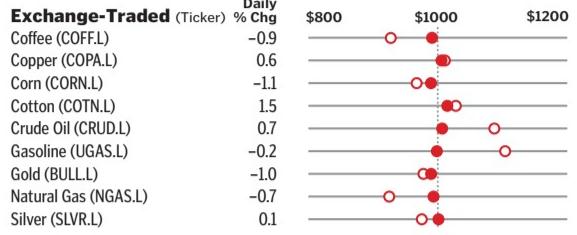


Commodities

Futures	Close	Daily % Chg	Close	Daily % Chg	
Copper	\$2,9390	-0.1	Orange Juice	\$1,0900	-2.3
Corn	\$3,6775	-1.0	Silver	\$14.92	-0.4
Crude Oil	\$64.05	+1.0	Soybeans	\$9,0175	-1.2
Gold	\$1,277.20	-1.1	Sugar	\$0,1267	-0.9
Natural Gas	\$2.57	-0.7	Wheat	\$4,4850	-3.2

Value of \$1000 invested for the past:

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International Stock Markets

Americas	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg	Europe	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
Brazil (Bovespa)	94,333.31	1.3		France (CAC 40)	5528.67	0.4	
Canada (S&P/TSX Comp.)	16,502.20	-0.1		Germany (DAX)	12,101.32	0.7	
Mexico (Bolsa)	45,033.42	0.9		U.K. (FTSE 100)	7469.92	0.4	
Asia Pacific				Australia (ASX 200)	6277.45	0.4	
				China (CSI 300)	4085.79	2.8	
				Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	30,129.87	1.1	
				Japan (Nikkei)	22,221.66	0.2	

Cross Currency Rates

	US \$	EU €	Japan ¥	Britain £	Brazil R\$	Canada \$	Mexico \$
US \$ per		1.1282	0.0089	1.3050	0.2562	0.7488	0.0529
EU € per	0.8863		0.0079	1.1566	0.2270	0.6637	0.0469
Japan ¥ per	112.0100	126.3700		146.1650	28.6930	83.8810	5.9335
Britain £ per	0.7663	0.8645	0.0068		0.1963	0.5738	0.0406
Brazil R\$ per	3.9040	4.4046	0.0348	5.0934		2.9236	0.2069
Canada \$ per	1.3353	1.5065	0.0119	1.7425	0.3421		0.0708
Mexico \$ per	18.8715	21.3034	0.1690	24.6369	4.8340	14.1335	

Interest Rates

Consumer Rates	5.50%	4.12%
Money market funds	0.60	Bank Prime
6-Month CDs	0.80	30-Year fixed mortgage
1-Year CDs	1.48	3.53%
5-Year CDs	2.01	15-Year fixed mortgage
New car loan	4.71	3.93%
Home-equity loan	6.60	LIBOR 3-Month

Treasury Performance Over Past Three Months

10-year note Yield: 2.59 2-year note Yield: 2.41

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Tax returns show candidates gave to charity, but not a ton

The Daily 202
JAMES HOHMANN
Former congressman Beto O'Rourke (D-Tex.) released 10 years of tax returns Monday night. He and his wife reported \$1,166 of charitable giving from a total income of \$370,412 in 2017, the most recent year for which they released a return. That is one-third of 1 percent.

How much someone gives to charity is a meaningful metric of their values and priorities, though far from the only one. The flurry of returns from 2020 contenders in recent days offers a lot to chew over.

Candidates who release their tax returns deserve credit for transparency, especially because President Trump refuses to disclose his. Trump is the first president since Richard Nixon to conceal his tax returns from the American people. One reason many politicians do not like to share their returns for everyone to see is because they don't want people to scrutinize things such as their effective tax rate, their deductions and their charitable giving.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and his wife gave \$19,000 to charity out of an income of \$566,000 last year, or 3.4 percent. They provided \$36,300 to charity in 2017, according to returns released this week. "The Sanders campaign said those rates do not reflect charitable proceeds given from one of his books, which he did not deduct from his taxes," The Post's Michael Kranish and Sean Sullivan report. "The campaign did not say how much was given in that case."

Sen. Kamala D. Harris (D-Calif.) released 15 years of tax returns on Sunday, showing that she and her husband earned \$1.9 million last year and gave \$27,000 to charity — or 1.4 percent. Harris reported no charitable giving at all during her first three years as California's attorney general. But then she married Doug Emhoff in 2014. The first year they filed jointly, Harris and Emhoff — a partner at the law firm DLA Piper — reported giving \$60,000 to charity. Their giving dropped off to between \$18,000 to

\$37,000 in the years that followed.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and her husband donated \$6,600 of their \$338,500 income, or just under 2 percent, to charity last year, according to a return her campaign published on its website yesterday.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and her husband made \$215,000 last year and gave \$3,750 to charity, also just under 2 percent.

The most generous of the top-tier presidential candidates appears to be Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.). She and her husband donated \$50,000 last year of their \$906,000 income. That's 5.5 percent.

Gov. Jay Inslee (D-Wash.) and his wife, who recently released 12 years of returns, earned an income of \$203,000 in 2018. They gave \$8,295 to charity, about 4 percent.

Trump's past claims of generous charitable giving have been widely debunked. My colleague David Fahrenthold won a Pulitzer Prize in 2017 for his investigation into the president's personal charity. Trump donates his government salary as president, but that's a small fraction of his total income. It's impossible to know how much Trump has given to charity without seeing his tax returns.

When Mitt Romney finally relented under pressure and released his tax returns in 2012, they showed that he and his wife had given away \$4 million out of the \$13.7 million they took in during the previous year, or 29.4 percent. Romney didn't even deduct \$1.8 million of donations that year so that he could live up to his statement that he had always paid an effective tax rate of at least 13 percent.

Barack and Michelle Obama had given away 22 percent of their incomes to charity in 2011, donating \$172,000 out of \$790,000 of income. But Joe and Jill Biden gave just 1.5 percent of their income to charity, \$5,500 out of \$379,000.

Biden took heat during the 2008 campaign when his tax returns showed that he and his wife had donated only \$3,690 to charity in total over the previous



SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT.) SIGNS A COPY OF HIS BOOK AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CAMPAIGN STOP ON SATURDAY. HE AND HIS WIFE GAVE \$19,000 TO CHARITY OUT OF AN INCOME OF \$566,000 LAST YEAR, OR 3.4 PERCENT.

10 years — an average of \$369 a year. The most recent year for which Biden has released his tax returns is 2015. The then-vice president and second lady gave \$6,900 of the \$392,000 they earned to charity, about 1.8 percent. It will be interesting to see whether the rate of giving went up after Biden started giving high-priced paid speeches in 2017 and 2018.

In addition to Biden, we are still waiting to see tax returns from other top-tier contenders — including Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Ind.

Booker said Monday that he will release his returns "soon." He didn't say how soon, but he did unveil a plan to cut taxes for about half the country. Booker called for expanding the earned income tax credit to cover couples with a maximum income as large as \$90,000. He would pay for it by taxing income from investments at the same rate as other income, rather than the lower capital gains rate.

The Wall Street Journal notes that the O'Rourkes appear to have underpaid their 2013 and 2014 taxes by more than \$4,000

total because of an error in the way they reported their medical expenses. "They took deductions for those costs without regard to the limit that only allowed that break for medical and dental expenses above 10% of income for people their age," Richard Rubin reports. "Had they not taken the nearly \$16,000 in medical deductions, their taxable income would have been

"Congress's motives do matter under the Constitution."

WILLIAM CONSOVOY, TRUMP'S LAWYER, IN ARGUING AGAINST RELEASING THE PRESIDENT'S TAX RETURNS

higher. In those years it would likely have been subject to the rates they were paying under the alternative minimum tax."

Meanwhile, Trump and his legal team are actively combating efforts by House Democrats to review his tax returns and other financial records.

First, the president's attorneys

are pressing an accounting firm not to comply with a subpoena from the House Oversight Committee. Rep. Elijah E.

Cummings (D-Md.) announced his intention last week to subpoena Mazars USA after the company refused a March request to hand over Trump's financial documents, citing laws and rules that require a subpoena

for such documents.

"On Monday, lawyers for the

president and the Trump

Organization wrote in a letter to

the accounting firm's counsel

that a committee subpoena

'would not be valid or

enforceable,'" The Post's Tom Hamburger reports.

"In a statement, Mazars USA said that the firm 'believes strongly in the ethical and professional rules

and regulations that govern our industry, our work and our

client interactions.'

Second, the House

Intelligence and Financial

Services committees issued a

separate subpoena to Deutsche

Bank, Trump's longtime lender,

for Trump's personal and

business records.

"The two committees . . . also demanded

documents from numerous

other financial institutions,

including JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Citigroup, related to possible money-laundering by people in Russia and Eastern Europe," the New York Times's Emily Flitter and David Enrich report. "This subpoena is an unprecedented abuse of power and simply the latest attempt by House Democrats to attack the president and our family for political gain," Eric Trump said in a statement. . . . Alan Garten, the Trump Organization's lawyer, said the company was weighing its options for potentially blocking Deutsche Bank from complying with the subpoena."

Third, Trump's lawyer, William Consovoy, publicly urged the Treasury Department not to comply with a formal request by the House Ways and Means Committee to hand over the president's tax returns. In an open letter, he said the intent of the law is more important than the letter of the law. "Congress's motives do matter under the Constitution," he wrote, arguing that seeing Trump's taxes does not serve any legislative purpose.

Now that Tax Day has come and gone, The Post's Heather Long assesses whether the 2017 overhaul of the tax code has lived up to its promises: Taxes didn't fit in a postcard, though the main form most tax filers fill out did shrink. The vast majority of Americans did get a tax cut, though. But the bill has not paid for itself. Early results indicate that the \$1.5 trillion price tag of the tax cuts will be funded mostly by a larger national debt. Trump said about \$4 trillion to \$5 trillion would "come flooding back from abroad" from companies that stashed their earnings overseas because of taxes. According to government data, only \$665 million has come back. It remains to be seen whether businesses will use that extra cash to invest inside the United States. Trump said Americans would love the tax bill, but polls show more people give it a thumbs down than a thumbs up. Trump made no promises on refunds, but fewer people are receiving them this year.

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FDA orders makers of vaginal mesh used in pelvic surgery to stop sales

Agency acted after long battle over safety and thousands of lawsuits

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY

The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday ordered manufacturers of surgical mesh used for repairing a condition called pelvic organ prolapse to immediately stop selling their products, the latest turn in a years-long battle over the safety of the implants.

The agency said the companies, Boston Scientific and Coloplast, had not demonstrated a "reasonable assurance" of safety

and effectiveness for the devices for use over the long term, and will have 10 days to submit plans for withdrawing them from the market.

The FDA action specifically affects surgical mesh used for the transvaginal repair of pelvic organ prolapse, which occurs when the muscles and tissues supporting the uterus, bladder or rectum become weak or loose. That can allow organs to drop or press into the vagina. The regulatory action does not apply to mesh used for other conditions, such as hernias or stress urinary incontinence.

The FDA move, its toughest action yet against the devices, comes after tens of thousands of women have filed lawsuits against mesh manufacturers,

claiming injuries including bleeding and pain. The agency said there has been an increase in reports of adverse events in the past several years involving the devices.

In 2016, the FDA reclassified the products as high-risk devices — subjecting them to the agency's most stringent path for device oversight — and required manufacturers to obtain approval to continue to market them. Many manufacturers withdrew from the market amid the heightened regulatory scrutiny and the growing number of lawsuits.

"In order for these mesh devices to stay on the market, we determined that we needed evidence that they worked better than surgery without the use of

mesh to repair pelvic organ prolapse," said Jeffrey Shuren, director of the agency's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. "That evidence was lacking in these premarket applications, and we couldn't assure women that these devices were safe and effective long term."

Public Citizen, which first petitioned the FDA in 2011 to ban the products, welcomed the move, but said it came "too late for the thousands of women who have been irreparably harmed by these devices." The group said it has been clear for several years that the products "are unsafe for treating pelvic organ prolapse and lack any clinically significant benefits in comparison to nonmesh products."

Boston Scientific said in a

statement that the company was "deeply disappointed" by the agency's decision, adding that "patient safety is always our highest priority." The company said the FDA action will "severely limit" options for women seeking treatment for pelvic organ prolapse.

Coloplast declined to comment.

The FDA said that surgeons began using surgical mesh to repair abdominal hernias beginning in the 1950s. In the 1970s, gynecologists began implanting surgical mesh for abdominal repair of pelvic organ prolapse and two decades later for the transvaginal repair of the condition, the FDA said. In 2002, the first mesh device for transvaginal repair of pelvic organ pro-

lapse was cleared by the agency as a device that carried "moderate risk."

About 1 in 8 women have surgery to repair the condition, and a subset of the procedures use the mesh, the agency said. It added that the proportion of women undergoing the mesh procedures decreased after the FDA began issuing warnings.

The agency said the women who have had transvaginal mesh used for their condition don't need to take any action if they are satisfied with their surgeries and don't have any symptoms. But they should notify their physicians if they have vaginal bleeding or discharge, pelvic or groin pain or pain during sex, the agency said.

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WEDNESDAY OPINION

MEGAN MCARDLE

We don't know how the story ends

Global politics in recent years has had more twists and turns than a Hollywood thriller. Three years ago, British and American populists were staging an insurgency against their out-of-touch political establishments. Two years ago, they were taking victory laps. But, as any war movie will teach you, the fortunes of battle are fickle, and right now the populists seem to be getting the worst of it. At best, the establishment has battled them to a draw; at worst, they are on the verge of a rout.

Even on immigration, where Trump supporters could credibly argue that the president had a mandate for sweeping change, Trump has been comprehensively stymied. Courts have quashed his attempts to radically transform immigration policy with a stroke of the executive pen. Meanwhile, a preexisting body of law and court orders has left him unable to do more than rail impotently on Twitter as the asylum process has turned into a sort of open-borders lite for migrants willing to drag their children north to the U.S. border. Well-crafted legislation could conceivably cut down on the revolving door for migrants with children, but Trump has shown little interest in the legislative process, and no aptitude at all for bending it to his will.

But now the plot seems to be lagging a bit. Having fought Trump to a draw, the establishment now seems content to wait out the next two years. Trump's approval ratings are lackluster, and any Democrat with a halfway-decent filter between their lizard brain and their mouth ought to be able to mop the floor with him. So the panicked talk of flight to Canada that one heard in November 2016 has given way to the grim watchfulness in an ER waiting room — *after* the doctor has told you Mom's going to survive her fall.

The protesters in France force the establishment to at least consider a troubling possibility.

Across the Atlantic, where the United Kingdom is in the third year of the two-year Brexit process, one sees a similar phenomenon. The European Union has refused its assent to any deal that could possibly command a majority in the British Parliament, and Remainers in Parliament have refused their assent to any deal that might pass muster with the E.U. Together, they have thus forced Prime Minister Theresa May to punt on Brexit until Halloween, and they are not shy about expressing their hopes that Halloween will turn into never.

The story's ending could be written in any number of ways. It could be framed as right-thinking people doing the right thing for their country and thereby earning their just victory over a crudely reactionary insurgency. If Trump loses on schedule, and if Brexit slips into a twilight existence of perpetual delay, then this is undoubtedly the story that the establishment will tell, because in that version, they're the heroes.

Then again, the story's moral could be factual rather than spiritual: Politics is hard, which is why populist insurgencies tend to burn out before realizing their goals. It's easy to tell voters that everything ought to be different but fiendishly difficult to make it so, because any new policies must be pushed through the institutions of government, which run on precedent and procedure, not passion.

But what if the story isn't over? What if Trump and the Brexiteers are not about to exit stage right after their humiliation? It's possible that we're still in the middle of Act Two, approaching what screenwriters call the false victory — that halcyon moment when everything seems to be going fantastically well, right before it all goes to hell.

To see what the ending of *that* story might look like, we could peek at France. A couple of years ago, France had its populist moment along with everyone else in the Western world, when the far-right National Front reached the runoff of the 2017 French presidential election. The populists were decisively put down by Emmanuel Macron, who is almost the distilled essence of everything populists hate: a banker, a technocrat, a centrist cosmopolitan.

Members of the French establishment enjoyed a year or so of congratulating themselves for not having gone the way of Britain and the United States. Then last fall came the "yellow vest" riots and the weekly protests that still roil France. Macron's election turned out not to have tamed populist passions. They were only temporarily dammed up, gathering destructive force before the inevitable flood.

The gilets jaunes may end up merely a footnote when the victors write the history of this populist era. But having appeared, like a good plot turn, out of nowhere, the protesters force the establishment to at least consider a troubling possibility: that its members may not be cast as the story's heroes but as the well-meaning fools who ultimately lost by mistaking the battle for the war.

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Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) participates in a Fox News town hall on Monday in Bethlehem, Pa.

KAREN TUMULTY

Sanders is a millionaire. What about Trump?

The 1 percent, whom Bernie Sanders has spent so much of his career railing against, have a message for the senator from Vermont: Welcome to the club.

Sanders, currently the front-runner among declared Democratic presidential candidates, has lately been bristling about the notice that is being given to the \$1.7 million he has made since his first run for president in 2016.

According to 10 years of tax returns that Sanders finally released on Monday, he earned \$566,000 last year and \$1.15 million in 2017. Most of it — ironically enough — comes from the books he has written arguing for the merits of democratic socialism.

By comparison, in 2014, before his first presidential run, he and his wife, Jane, reported an income of about \$206,000, the bulk of it from his Senate salary.

There's nothing wrong with making a lot of money, though you might not know that from listening to Sanders's many declarations that a proliferation of "millionaires and billionaires" is the scourge of working-class America.

Now, he says: "I wrote a best-selling book. If you write a best-selling book, you can be a millionaire, too."

No one should be assigned a moral value based on where they happen to land on the income scale. Great riches do not necessarily prevent individuals from identifying with the downtrodden or from devoting their lives to bettering the circumstances of others. Franklin D. Roosevelt did it, though he was called a traitor to his class. Bill and Melinda Gates are

turning out to be two of the greatest philanthropists the world has ever seen.

Still, the topic of his personal wealth is one on which Sanders seems uncharacteristically defensive.

He erupted when the website ThinkProgress posted a video noting how his rhetoric has shifted with his growing wealth — pointing out that he no longer trains his fire on millionaires, though he is still vilifying billionaires. In a letter, Sanders accused the website's affiliated think tank, the Center for American Progress, and CAP President Neera Tanden of "simultaneously maligning my staff and supporters and belittling progressive ideas."

On Monday night, during a town hall on Fox News, Sanders dodged a bit when co-host Bret Baier asked whether the kind of financial success he has enjoyed is "the definition of capitalism, the American Dream?"

"What we want is a country where everybody has opportunity," Sanders said. "You know, I have a college degree."

Sanders is right that not everyone has the same advantages. But success is a finish line, not a starting gate. And if Sanders's fortune, in part, reflects the kind of leg up afforded to some by this nation and not to others, so does his discomfort in discussing it.

As far back as the 1830s, Alexis de Tocqueville wrote that the love of wealth is "at the bottom of all that the Americans do." Since then, our feelings have grown more complicated. Where we might revere people who earn great riches through skill and

ingenuity, we are often suspicious — along with envious — of those who have their fortunes handed to them. Or those who, as Sanders did, cash in on sudden celebrity.

This ambivalence about inherited wealth is one reason President Trump has perpetuated the myth that he became a billionaire on his own, rather than through at least \$413 million in gifts from his father and dubious tax schemes. On Monday, the New York Times won a Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting in recognition of the mineshaft it sunk last year into the muddy foundations of Trump's wealth.

People who seek office assume an additional responsibility where their finances are concerned: transparency.

We live in an era of oversharing on social media. We assume that technology has swept up every bit of data about us. Still, most people remain reluctant to tell even their closest friends how much money they make or where it comes from.

That, however, is not a privilege that should be extended to those who hold the public trust. The potential for corruption and hidden conflicts is simply too great.

So Sanders — who did not make multiple years of his tax returns public when he ran for president in 2016 — deserves credit for doing it now, however awkward it has proved to be. A half-dozen other Democratic contenders have, as well.

All of which makes one man more conspicuous in his refusal to do so. It leaves the American people wondering: What is Trump trying to hide?

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Bernie Sanders needs Fox News

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

That Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) went on Fox News for a town hall Monday night was controversial among Democrats. As Sanders told hosts Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum, "Not everybody thought I should come on this show. Your network does not necessarily have great respect in my world, but I thought it was important for me to be here and have a serious discussion about serious issues."

What Sanders painted as a magnanimous gesture was really a calculated move to boost his presidential prospects: He needs Fox News viewers to win the White House.

According to the massive Cooperative Congressional Election Study, about 12 percent of Sanders primary voters cast their ballots for Donald Trump in the 2016 general election. These Sanders voters appear to have given Trump the margin of victory in the three states that handed Trump the White House. The Fox News town hall was held in Bethlehem, Pa., in a state where some 16 percent of Sanders supporters — about 117,100 people — voted for Trump; Trump won Pennsylvania by 44,292 votes. It was a similar story in Wisconsin, where about 9 percent of Sanders supporters — 51,317 people — voted for Trump; Trump won Wisconsin by 22,748 votes. And in Michigan, about 8 percent of Sanders voters — or 47,915 people — cast their general-election ballots for Trump; Trump won Michigan by 10,704 votes.

If Sanders wants to win the Democratic nomination, he needs these Trump voters to support him in the primaries.

And if he does win the nomination, he needs them to stay in his column and vote for him instead of Trump in 2020.

Can Sanders separate his former supporters from Trump? Going on Fox News to make his pitch that Trump has failed them is a smart way to do it. Indeed, Sanders not only participated in the Fox town hall, but he also published an op-ed on the Fox News website, in which he declared, "When Donald Trump ran for president he made a lot of promises to working families. He told them that he would protect their interests while standing up to the Establishment. Unfortunately, he did not tell the truth."

During his town hall, Sanders criticized Trump for proposing an \$845 billion cut to Medicare and made an impassioned pitch for his Medicare-for-all plan. Selling a government takeover of the U.S. health-care system on Fox may seem counterintuitive, but many of those who defected to Trump in 2016 are non-traditional Republican voters who are attracted to Trump precisely because he promised not to touch Social Security and Medicare. So, Medicare-for-all is not anathema to them the way it is to conservatives. Indeed, when Baier asked the town hall audience whether, with a show of hands, they would be willing to transition from their employer-provided insurance to the government-run system Sanders is proposing, the pro-Sanders crowd cheered and many hands went up.

The biggest challenge for Sanders in winning back Trump-Sanders voters is that Trump is delivering for these forgotten Americans. Since Trump took office, the United States has added 491,000 manufacturing jobs, the fastest

pace of U.S. manufacturing growth in almost a quarter-century. The Wall Street Journal reports that "the unemployment rate for high school dropouts fell to 5% last year. In the past year, median weekly wages for the group rose more than 6%, outpacing all other groups." As MacCallum pointed out to Sanders, unemployment in Pennsylvania is down and wages in the state are up by 6.6 percent. "How," she asked, "do you convince those people in this area who you'd like to win over this time around that they should change horses and go with you when things are going well?"

It's a pivotal question. Sanders told her that Trump is not responsible for that progress — it began under President Barack Obama — and that most of the benefits of the global economic recovery and Trump's tax cuts have gone to the very wealthy, while Republicans refuse to give working families access to health care and a "livable wage." He is telling his former voters, in essence, Trump has failed you, and I can do better; Trump claims to be an outsider, but I am the real deal.

Will it work? Will these former Sanders voters, having helped put Trump in the White House, stick with the president, or will they switch back to their first love, Bernie Sanders? The answer may well determine who wins the Democratic nomination — and the presidency in 2020.

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HELaine OLEN

Warren's conservative past isn't a flaw

When Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) discusses her biography, she talks movingly about how her family finances all but cratered when she was a teenager after her dad suffered a heart attack and about her struggles for child care as a young mom.

Here's something Warren doesn't talk much about: When all that happened, she was a Republican. "A diehard conservative," one high school friend told Politico, which published an article about all this last week. "Sometimes surprisingly anti-consumer," recalled a law school colleague. In 1980, she wrote an influential paper on utilities regulation that essentially ignored the consumer issues she now champions.

It's not hard to blame Warren for not talking about the fact she didn't register as a Democrat until 1996, when she was in her late 40s. It risks making her look inconsistent, something to which voters are all too sensitive, especially when it comes to women. (Just ask Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.) Little wonder she told Politico she considered herself "nonpartisan" during the period.

But she should reconsider. Her story of moving from right to left is, in many ways, as good a case for "capitalism with rules," as she describes her beliefs, as any policy paper or proposal.

Warren is open about how her experience of studying families in bankruptcy changed her. She began what became a decades-long project expecting to find a bunch of financially frivolous slackers attempting to take advantage of the system. Instead, she discovered people drowning under the weight of uncertain jobs, increasing medical expenses and stagnating salaries. Faced with facts, she adjusted her beliefs to reality.

Perhaps if Warren talked more about her political evolution, she could demonstrate that she isn't some stereotypical Massachusetts liberal.

Warren has written about that conversion extensively, most notably in the two books she co-wrote with her daughter Amelia Warren Tyagi: "The Two-Income Trap" and the personal finance guide "All Your Worth." But if she added her political evolution to the story, Warren would be making a stronger argument for why her agenda of enhanced business regulation, increased consumer protection and a beefed-up social safety net is right for America.

To register as a Republican in the 1970s and 1980s did not necessarily mean someone supported a far-right agenda. The Clean Air Act, now under attack by President Trump, was signed into law by Richard M. Nixon. It was George H.W. Bush who enacted the Americans With Disabilities Act. I don't want to suggest Republicans were liberal — hardly! Warren, for one, remained a Republican despite the fact that Nixon vetoed a plan for national, subsidized child care in 1971, something that would have made her life as a young working mom much easier.

This political world is all but incomprehensible to voters under the age of 40, who came of age either in the hyperpartisan world of then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Contract With America and President Bill Clinton's impeachment, or the obstructionist Republican Congress of the Obama presidency, and a party that was heading further and further to the right. Yet many older Democratic voters pine for this lost political reality — we see this with every candidate who pledges to work across the aisle, brandishes their bipartisan credentials and holds themselves as someone with unique talents to get the other side to see reason.

As the Boston Globe's Michael Cohen recently pointed out, Warren is doing no such thing. Her message is empathetic toward individual people but angry about our politics and financial system. "History suggests that as a progressive populist, Warren faces a tough slog," Cohen wrote.

Yet political evolutions are not unknown in presidential politics. Ronald Reagan, for one, was a registered Democrat and president of the Screen Actors Guild before crossing the aisle. "I didn't leave the Democratic Party, the Democratic Party left me," he liked to say. (As for the current president, he has switched parties multiple times.)

Warren's journey, moreover, is one that is shared by a number of other groups. Millennial women, for example, are now more likely to identify as Democrats than a mere five years ago. Then there are the never-Trump Republicans, many of whom are now undergoing political awakenings of their own. Did you ever expect to see columnist David Brooks embrace reparations for African Americans?

Perhaps if Warren talked more about her political evolution, she could demonstrate that she isn't some stereotypical Massachusetts liberal. When it comes to voters who are skeptical of regulation and inclined to believe people are taking advantage of government benefits, Warren can say she was once where they are politically. If I could change my mind, she could tell them, so can you.

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Hong Kong drifts away

Changes in extradition law could open the gates to Chinese repression.

HONG KONG, at one time a citadel of free speech and rule of law, is gradually being sucked into China's ruling system, which respects neither. This is the significance of the senseless guilty verdicts issued last week against nine organizers of the 2014 protests in Hong Kong. They were convicted of charges including conspiracy and incitement of public nuisance, charges with the sole purpose of chilling free speech and assembly and marginalizing the pro-democracy movement.

Hong Kong also plans to change its extradition laws, making it easier for China to seize and prosecute people for political purposes. The changes mark an unmistakable erosion of freedoms that were promised in the 1997 handover from Britain. The joint declaration between Britain and China declared that freedom of speech, press, assembly, association, travel, movement, correspondence and belief, among others, would be ensured by law in the colony for 50 years. But China has said the joint declaration "no longer has any practical significance." The promise of "one country, two systems"

is slipping away.

Why does extradition matter? Consider Lam Wing-kee, founder of a bookstore in Hong Kong and one of five booksellers who disappeared in late 2015. The books the store published were critical of China's Communist Party leaders, often carrying gossip, and banned on the mainland, where censorship is the rule, but widely sold in Hong Kong's freer climate. When he broke from his Chinese captors eight months after his disappearance, Mr. Lam described how he had been abducted by mainland officials, held in solitary confinement, frequently interrogated and ultimately forced to make a scripted "confession" that he had produced books banned on the mainland. Another of the five, Gui Minhai, 54, a Chinese-born naturalized Swedish citizen, remains in custody.

Now at the forefront of a recent protest against the new extradition laws, Mr. Lam said he might be forced to leave Hong Kong. "If I don't go, I will be extradited," he said. "I don't trust the government to guarantee my safety, or the safety of any Hong

Kong resident."

The current law in Hong Kong requires that, if there is no standing extradition agreement with another country, extradition can happen only after the chief executive, who is appointed by Beijing, signs off on a case-by-case basis with review by the legislature. Hong Kong has no agreement with China, and talks have gone on, inconclusively, for about two decades about an agreement. The changes being proposed would open the gates to case-by-case extradition to China, without the legislative review. The fear is that, in practice, the changes would give China free rein to pursue dissidents, journalists and human rights activists in Hong Kong.

Britain has raised concerns about the new extradition law, but China insisted it is an internal affair. The State Department's deputy spokesman, Robert Palladino, told reporters, "We're aware of that legislation, and we're going to follow related developments to it closely." This is a poor response that gives Beijing a green light to continue the march of authoritarianism in Hong Kong.

Your turn, Mr. Trump

Democrats are releasing tax information. The president prefers to keep the public in the dark.

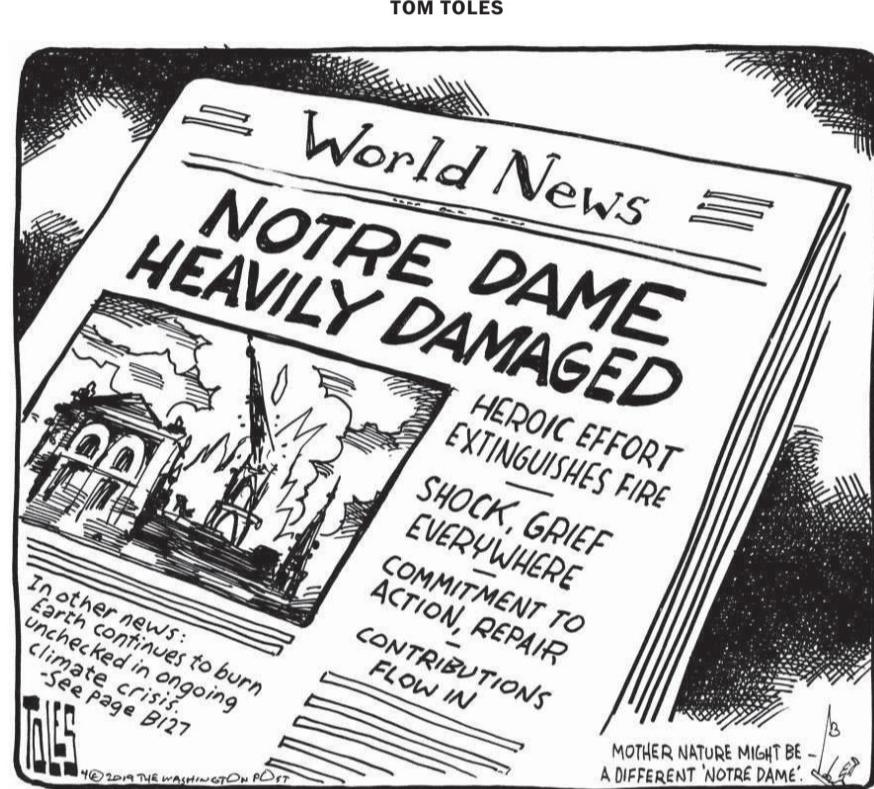
ONE BY ONE, Democratic presidential hopefuls are releasing their tax returns. Years of them. Longtime holdout Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) revealed 10 years of returns at the tail end of Tax Day, which arrived on Monday this year. Later that evening, former Texas representative Beto O'Rourke unveiled a decade of his personal tax information. Both followed Sen. Kamala D. Harris (D-Calif.), who released 15 years of tax returns on Sunday, enabling her campaign to boast that Ms. Harris is "the most transparent candidate in the field when it comes to information about her personal finances."

It is nice to see a race to the top, rather than the bottom, for a change. This is the kind of political one-upmanship Americans should welcome.

Clearly, part of the point is to draw a contrast with President Trump, who routinely promised during the 2016 presidential race to offer his tax information for public scrutiny. He has instead revealed nothing. His excuse is that his returns are under audit, but that would not prevent him from releasing tax documents he signed and swore to be true — and certainly does not explain why he refuses to reveal returns from years ago, as his challengers have done.

The president's staff has offered nothing more persuasive. Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said earlier this month the public would "never" see the president's tax returns, arguing that the 2016 election had settled the question over whether Americans cared. In fact, Mr. Trump's persistent promises to disclose more personal financial data remain unfulfilled campaign pledges. White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said Sunday that Democrats were not smart enough to understand Mr. Trump's tax returns, a new defense of Mr. Trump's indefensible refusal to come clean that hardly rises above the level of a schoolyard insult.

Ever since President Richard M. Nixon set the example, presidents and major candidates have revealed their tax return information to offer voters a



view of how these national leaders conduct their private affairs. The returns sometimes expose nothing surprising. Sometimes they result in a headline or two, as when the socialist Mr. Sanders was revealed to be a millionaire. The Post's James Hohmann pointed out Tuesday that the most interesting nugget from the Democrats' recent tax revelations is that many of the candidates have not given much to charity.

Each of these women and men has years, if not decades, of public service that voters can judge. Mr. Trump entered office with a privately held busi-

ness of unknown value and a Twitter feed. It was all the more important for voters to see how reality matched up to his claims of private business success. Tax returns should have been only the baseline for transparency; a thorough accounting of his business arrangements and possible conflicts of interest was also needed.

It is needed still. Americans remain in the dark about Mr. Trump's potential conflicts. As Democratic candidates do the right thing, Mr. Trump continues to insult the voters who entrusted him to lead the nation.

Google's disturbing case of data gathering

Lawmakers should take the lead on limiting companies' ability to surveil.

GOOGLE KNOWS where you've been — and with a warrant, the police can know, too. A New York Times investigation detailing how law enforcement seeks location records from the tech titan shows that the country's lack of privacy laws affects not only what companies know about us but also what the government does.

Google compiles information on consumers' whereabouts in various ways. Its "Location History" service is one of the most comprehensive. The feature is enabled when users respond to prompts in the company's maps and photos apps, among others, but once it is switched on, Google can gather data on signed-in devices even when those apps are not open. Though it's possible to toggle off the tracking, it is not easy — and the manner of collection means consumers are likely unaware of the extent to which Google is following them, and why.

Large-scale location monitoring is useful to Google because it allows the company to target

advertisements based on where consumers regularly travel, as well as to assess the ads' effectiveness. It is useful to law enforcement because it can allow investigators to view the movement of all devices within a specific area over a specific period of time to track down suspects or witnesses in cases that otherwise might go cold.

Google lets officials into its SensorVault database only with a warrant. At first, the company attaches anonymous ID numbers to devices; names and email addresses enter the equation later, once detectives have picked out the devices they deem relevant to the case. But jurisdictions may differ on what constitutes probable cause for both types of request, each of which will likely sweep in innocent bystanders as well as reasonable suspects. It also appears that some judges are approving these escalating levels of access in a single warrant, trusting investigators to limit themselves when they ask for more extensive data.

The Google case raises two questions: what data a

company should be able to collect, and to what extent the government should be able to access that data once it is collected. But these are impossible to separate. Courts have yet to determine what constitutional protections this type of location data deserves, and legislators haven't stepped in. So it has been up to Google to devise a system for complying with requests — just as, in the absence of federal regulation on data privacy, it has largely been up to Google to determine the bounds of collection that let it create such a vast repository of information in the first place.

The judiciary will have to continue playing catch-up to increasingly intrusive methods of surveillance unless legislators take the lead on limiting companies' ability to surveil. The assumption today is that Google and its peers will almost always know where everyday Americans have been, even when those Americans are not aware of it. Congress needs to ensure that customers get more of a say in the matter.

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The time to pay reparations on a national level is now

The April 12 Metro article "Georgetown votes on reparations for descendants of slaves" reported that students at Georgetown University voted to urge the university to establish a reparations fund that would benefit the descendants of slaves. I think that was definitely a step in the right direction. However, I believe, as a nation, we need to acknowledge that the horrors of slavery were equivalent to the Holocaust and establish a fund for payments of reparations on a national level.

A commission could be set up to decide what forms this would take; for example, there could be funds for higher education, job training and housing assistance. Obviously, this would be

expensive. But it is time to "pay the piper," so to speak. For never in our "great America" has there been anything comparable to this abhorrence and its continued aftermath on many levels.

As a white person, I have been haunted all of my life by remembering what it was like growing up in the 1950s in the small, segregated town of Herndon. The black community within the town had no running water, electricity or paved roads. High school students had to ride a bus to Manassas for school. There was also, of course, no library, restaurant or movie theater for them.

The time to compensate for these injustices is now.

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The plan to punish 'sanctuary cities'

The Trump administration, according to the April 13 front-page article "Trump avows 'sanctuary city' release proposal," proposed releasing immigrants currently held at the southern border into so-called sanctuary cities, clearly intending to punish these cities for supporting immigrants.

In Lincoln, Neb., this sounds like a good idea, not punishment. Although Lincoln is not a sanctuary city, we have for years welcomed refugees seeking asylum from brutal conditions in their home countries, as well as immigrants seeking better lives for their families and children.

Among our population of 280,000, we proudly count people from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, South America and Central America. The largest community of Yazidis in the country resides here. Our school system serves some 3,000 English-language learner students representing 150 countries and 125 languages.

Churches, civic groups, schools, city government and individuals and families have offered these immigrants assistance in learning English, finding homes and jobs and establishing connections.

And as we have helped refugees and immigrants heal old wounds and forge new lives, Lincoln has gained from their presence. We have received a vibrant infusion of people who value freedom, hard work and community. Their labor fuels our industries. Their businesses bolster our economy. Their churches, mosques and temples join ours in matters of faith and community service. Their children enliven and enrich our schools. Their cultures broaden and deepen our own.

So, yes, President Trump, send us those tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to breathe free. We welcome them.

Roger Holmes, Lincoln, Neb.

Seattle is a sanctuary city, and Mayor Jenny A. Durkan affirmed in her April 13 op-ed, "Here in Seattle, we're not afraid of immigrants," that Seattle intends to welcome all immigrants and refugees: "So if this president wants to send immigrants and refugees to Seattle and other welcoming cities . . . we will do what we have always done and we will be stronger for it." Many readers might be confused as to why Democrats are outraged with President Trump's proposal to send immigrants to sanctuary cities. According to border officials, there is insufficient housing for immigrants now entering the United States. Doesn't it make sense to transport these immigrants to cities that will welcome them? This is especially true of illegal immigrants whose ability to remain in the United States would be jeopardized unless they settle in a sanctuary city that will protect them from deportation.

We are all aware of Mr. Trump's negative attitude toward illegal immigrants; however, dislike for Mr. Trump doesn't mean that Mr. Trump's policy proposal is wrong. Sanctuary cities can help to solve the problem at the border by helping to resettle these immigrants into their cities.

Henry Scott, Potomac

It is clear the Trump administration does not see human beings lining up at our borders. It sees them as something to be rounded up and moved out, now as punishment for sanctuary cities' defiance of the administration's zero-tolerance policy. Using resettlement of struggling people as a threat to these open communities shows an underestimation of the people in those cities and a lack of respect for the humanity of the Central Americans.

Mary McComb, Washington

The idea to punish sanctuary cities by sending immigrants to them is one more vengeful idea coming from a small-minded administration. The United States is not "full." Instead of sending immigrants to cities, why not support them to create economies in states that are underpopulated? Alaska, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, New Mexico, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada and Kansas are the 10 lowest-density states. Or, perhaps the immigrants should be equally shared based on Senate representation so that Wyoming gets as many as California.

Immigrants are a labor resource if they are appropriately supported and integrated into the economy. If it weren't for our immigrant population, the United States' population would be shrinking. It doesn't make much sense to create a policy that takes all the migrants to a few already crowded cities where affordable housing is in short supply.

Deborah Schumann, Bethesda

President Trump is wrong when he says the United States is "full" and can't take more refugees or immigrants. According to the World Population Review, the United States, with 13 people per square mile, ranks 175th in population density out of 230 countries surveyed. This compares with the United Kingdom (106 people per square mile), Japan (130) and Israel (157). The Chinese island of Macau tops the list with 8,139 people per square mile, followed closely by Monaco (7,435).

The United States has plenty of room for refugees and immigrants.

Gary Jacobsen, Woodbridge

A bipartisan net neutrality

The April 11 news article "House backs net neutrality bill, but consumer law's Senate future is shaky" presented two sides to the net neutrality debate: one that supports the bill and another that opposes net neutrality altogether.

But, by more than a 3-to-1 margin, business leaders in our network prefer a bipartisan approach over utility-style regulation.

In 2010, Democrats widely supported President Barack Obama's first plan for net neutrality, which banned blocking and throttling without invoking Title II regulations. Enacting those rules — which were written when Democrats controlled the White House, the Federal Communications Commission, the House and the Senate — is not "caving in." It's an approach that could win enough support from Senate Republicans to pass.

Without compromise, Congress will leave consumers and small-business owners who depend on the Internet vulnerable for another two years.

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Tiger Woods's defining shot was one he didn't take

In youth we have warm hopes, which are soon blasted by rashness and negligence," wrote the great sage Samuel Johnson. "In age, we have knowledge and prudence without spirit to exert, or motives to prompt them."

Yet there are rare youths whose talent and intensity fan warm hopes into brilliant blazes. Rarer still, a few gifted spirits defy age to make dazzling use of their hard-won knowledge. Most rare of all is the human being who is both brilliant in youth and dazzling in age, having come through the blast of negligence and hubris with something tempered inside.

The Tiger who changes his stripes.

Few youths have burned brighter than Tiger Woods, nor suffered such blasts of their own rashness. When the most brilliant dozen years in the history of his sport came to a crashing end, he had only himself to blame. That was 2009. Knowledge and prudence were hard-won in the intervening years, while the world began to wonder whether the spirit survived to exert them.

Now we know. A ripened, deeper man wore the trademark red and black for the final round of the Masters golf tournament this year. What Woods accomplished belongs to a realm of talent barred to most of us. But the wisdom that made it possible is available to us all.

It showed itself on the 12th hole, the most famous test on the most famous course in the United States. Its manicured beauty frames a severe test of skill; less obvious is the test of character it applies.

The landscape, set off against dark foliage and pastel blossoms, seduces and gulls even the most experienced eye. A creek runs like a dark mirror between the golfer and the hole. Behind the creek, a low but steep slope leads to the putting green, which is wide but not deep. Much of it is almost invisible, enfolded among bright white sand traps. But there is a lovely patch of perfect green to the right of the sand as the golfer faces the hole, and that's where the cup is sunk for the final round each year.

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For professionals accustomed to smashing golf balls almost beyond the range of sight, the little shot to that perfect green patch tantalizes, almost as though a big fellow could reach out and simply drop the ball beside the hole. The green oasis beside those gardens of sand beckons like a picnic blanket spread out on the beach.

At 43, Woods is old in golf years. The rash power of his youthful swing has taken its toll through four back surgeries. So when he stepped into the tableau of the 12th hole on Sunday, his dream of winning another major title seemed just beyond his grasp. Having started the day two shots behind the leader, he was still two shots back with 11 holes finished. Only seven more to go.

If ever a moment cried out for heroics, surely this was it. Take aim at that seductive patch of grass. Give one whoosh of the club. Gamble on the sequence of motions habituated by a lifetime of practice. Throw caution to the lightly swirling winds above the Georgia pines. Stick the ball so close to the hole that the soft thud of impact shakes up the entire contest. Such feats of the young Tiger fill a dozen highlight reels.

But that's not what he did.

Half the men in the hunt for the title tried it. Francesco Molinari, Tony Finau, Brooks Koepka and Ian Poulter each drew a daring bead on that little patch of grass, and each fell short, ending up in the water. Woods played conservatively, knowledgeably, prudently, taking aim at the big white beach and landing his ball safely on the green between the traps. Two putts later, he walked away with a share of the lead and a clear path of victory — his 15th in a major championship, his first as a man in full.

"I was just trying to plod my way around the golf course," Woods said, employing a verb both perfect and surprising. As a young man, he was anything but plodding. He slashed, he whipped, he crushed, he conquered. Now, he was content to be "as patient as I've been in a number of years." He worked on "control of my emotions."

These are the gifts of age. In youth, Woods thrilled the world by blowing through barriers and landing impossible shots. He soared as though freed from gravity. He defied all limits, in sport and in life, right up to the point that the limits took hold. They always do.

The defining shot of his life was the shot he didn't attempt, the risk he was too prudent to take. Not all greatness is reckless or heedless. Tiger is back, yes, but now he's grown up.

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A hole is seen in the dome inside Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris on Tuesday.

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It's the centuries of quarreling that unify the French

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Is Paris burning?" Adolf Hitler, having ordered the leveling of Paris to a "pile of rubble," supposedly kept asking that question in August 1944. Chief among the city's marvels he wished to see in flames was Notre Dame de Paris.

The medieval cathedral, of course, was not burning. Intact, it instead welcomed Charles de Gaulle on Aug. 26, when the commander of the Free French forces and de facto president of France led a victory march from the Arc de Triomphe to Notre Dame. Greeted along the way by a mass of jubilant Parisians and the occasional sniper, the cortege filed into the cathedral to hear the "Te Deum." The hymn was first performed at Notre Dame in 1467 to commemorate the eviction of the English from French soil — a celebration repeated every year until 1793, when leaders of the French Revolution decided that a cathedral was no place to praise the nation.

As the music played that sultry August day during World War II, an act of transubstantiation occurred: The official seat of the Roman Catholic Church in France, Notre Dame became the most important secular site for the French nation.

One reason Monday's fire at Notre Dame has deeply affected the French is precisely that the cathedral holds an unusual place in France as un lieu de mémoire. The term, coined by historian Pierre Nora, identifies the many "sites of memory" that pepper French history. They include places or people, events or edifices — whether Charlemagne or the Sacré-Cœur Basilica or the Civil Code or the sidewalk café — that over the centuries have become

the objects of vexing, vying and often violent interpretations.

The interpretations always involve the contested and, at times, combustible question of French identity. Since last November, when the "yellow vest" movement burst onto the scene, fires have been a regular feature of its weekly protests. Whether the flames are burning tires at suburban traffic circles or burning stores along the Champs-Elysées, they seem to symbolize a nation at war with itself over who represents France. Is it "la métropole," the urban centers riding the wave of technological and industrial changes? Or "la périphérie," the exurban expanses swamped in the wake of these same changes?

On Monday night, French President Emmanuel Macron was scheduled to give a national televised address, the latest in a series of so far failed attempts to resolve the crisis sparked by the yellow-vest protests. With firefighters battling the flames at Notre Dame, Macron postponed the speech and went to the scene of the disaster, declaring on Twitter that he, like all the French, was stricken to see "this part of us burn." Yet a glance at history reminds us that Notre Dame was not always a part of all the French.

When it was not battered by revolution — the 28 statues of the kings of Judah lined across the western facade were beheaded in 1793 under the mistaken belief that they represented the kings of France — Notre Dame suffered from benign (and, at times, malignant) neglect from Parisians.

It was only in 1831, when Victor Hugo reinvented the cathedral by making it the sublimely tragic protagonist in his novel "Notre Dame de Paris" (not, as Hollywood believes, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"), that the edifice seemed ready for

prime time as a site of consensual memory. But history keeps getting in the way.

During the German occupation of France, the cathedral was home to Cardinal Emmanuel Célestin Suhard, a notorious anti-Semite and collaborator. A few decades later, Jean-Marie Lustiger, a Jewish-born convert who had lost his mother in Auschwitz, was named the cathedral's cardinal by Pope John Paul II. More recently, Notre Dame became the rallying point in 2013 for Le Manif Pour Tous, the massive protest movement against the legalization of gay marriage in France. But it was also the stage for Le Mariage Pour Tous, the equally powerful, and ultimately successful, movement in favor of the law.

In short, tempting though it is to see Notre Dame as a site of national concord, the reality is more complicated. But that does not mean it is also less comforting. As flames ran riot across the cathedral's roof, consuming centuries-old beams and toppling the majestic spire, France seemed united in grief. But strangely, there is comfort in the knowledge that once the cathedral is rebuilt, it will still reflect a people whose long quarrel over national identity in fact constitutes its core identity.

Notre Dame, Hugo declared, was a "colossal handiwork of one man and one people, a whole both one and complex" — a reassuring truth we will be reminded of once the smoke above the cathedral clears and the protests below resume.

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Notre Dame and tankers of water

At least he recognized the urgency. As the world gasped in horror on Monday at the sight of Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral burning in a cataclysmic moment, the president of the United States imparted these words of wisdom: "Perhaps flying water tankers could be used to put it out. Must act quickly!"

Well, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Could we possibly be more banal?

Even too soon to the tweet, President Trump didn't think before typing — or worse, he did. Mightn't a clever president — or one of his staffers — suffer through a brief Google search before launching? Or, better, skip the Quick-Fix-It blurb and say something normal? How about: "America's heart breaks for Notre Dame." Instead, the French civil defense agency tweeted back that "water-bombing" the 850-year-old cathedral could "lead to the collapse of the entire structure."

Pope Francis, whose words the Catholic world especially wanted to hear, waited several hours before offering his considered remarks in public letter to the archbishop of Paris. Appropriately, Francis expressed sadness and offered prayers. No mention of a squadron of angels dragging tidal waves to Paris to extinguish the flames.

Meanwhile, the rest of the world watched in silence, muted by the horror of the unthinkable — the disintegration of one of the world's greatest monuments. The fire consumed much of the roof's wooden latticework, which was called "the forest" because it took some 52 acres' worth of oak trees to build it. Begun in

1163 during the reign of King Louis VII, the cathedral took nearly 200 years to construct. It only took 12 hours of blistering flames to reduce its core to ashes.

The weight of the symbolism — layers upon layers — is almost too much to bear. Millions of words, by now, have been spilled as writers and mourners seek the right ones to express the enormity of this loss, not just to Paris, the French and Catholics, but also to humankind. The destruction of so much history and beauty is overwhelmingly sad.

Of course, Parisians and the French feel the loss most acutely. Notre Dame has always been part of daily life and is, as so many have said, the heart of a city that has survived revolution and wars. But, just as Notre Dame has been a place of transcendence for those who have entered there, its splendor and meaning transcended boundaries of nationality and religion. When the 300-foot oak spire toppled, the audible gasps of nearby onlookers were echoed in offices and homes in London, Moscow and Oklahoma City. Also, in Charleston, S.C.

The image of Notre Dame burning took my breath away. And, yes, I was speechless. A series of thoughts raced through my mind, some fairly apocalyptic. It wasn't just Notre Dame — "Our Lady" — that was being destroyed. To my mind, I was witnessing the immolation of Western civilization. The words that kept repeating themselves as I tried to make sense of what I was seeing were simpler: *This is wrong.*

Notre Dame isn't supposed to burn. It is immortal in the hearts and minds of

men and women who have lived and died for generations in its shadow. Airplanes aren't supposed to crash into buildings, either. One couldn't help connecting the burning of Notre Dame to the destruction of the World Trade Center. Even though very different — one a monument to money and the other to God — both instances felt wrong in the way of civilization unraveling.

There's no evidence that the fire was anything but accidental — just one of those things, despite fire monitors that checked the framework under the roof three times daily and an on-site firefighter. But monuments of this kind are few, and we cling to them as a connection to historical continuity as we face contemporary calamities. Ah, yes, wars and revolutions come and go, but Notre Dame stands.

This, perhaps, is why we stand aghast. Fire, alternately nature's most ruthless element and also a most efficient purgator, released its fury upon one of humanity's greatest monuments to the holy trinity — God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and Earth; Jesus Christ, His only son; and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. The layers upon layers of symbolism in the devastation of art, beauty, faith, history and our ultimate vulnerability are almost too much to bear.

Which reminds us that when the twin towers collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001, the man who would become president of the United States 15 years later boasted that one of his buildings had become the tallest in Lower Manhattan.

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How Xi overplayed his hand

In the rebalancing of Sino-American relations that's underway, the usual roles are reversed: China's normally deft President Xi Jinping appears to have badly overreached in seeking advantage. And President Trump, who often seems tone-deaf on foreign policy, is riding a bipartisan consensus that it's time to push back against Beijing.

The two nations will probably make a trade deal soon, patching together a working relationship that has been frayed by about a year of tariffs and economic brinkmanship. Experts predict an agreement that will boost U.S. exports to China, improve market access for American firms and reduce the power of Chinese state-owned enterprises — and offer some modest new legal protections for U.S. companies whose commercial secrets have been plundered by Beijing for a half-century.

But as Xi jockeyed for position against the United States, many U.S. experts argue that he misplayed his hand. After decades of what was known as China's "hide and bide" strategy of cautious cooperation, the Chinese leader moved to directly challenge U.S. primacy in technology. This eventually triggered a sharp, bipartisan U.S. response, which Trump has harvested.

"In an incredibly divided Washington, one of the only areas of agreement is that China policy needs to be less accommodating and more resolute toward Beijing," says Kurt Campbell, who oversaw East Asia and Pacific policy during the Obama administration. He credits Trump for recognizing Xi's weakness: "China is not yet ready to take on the U.S., and Trump recognizes this."

The Chinese-American confrontation is partly a spy story, but it's very different from the cloak-and-dagger escapades of the Cold War: China operates its espionage net partly through universities, research institutes and benign-sounding recruitment plans. Until recently, U.S. companies often didn't realize that their pockets had been picked until it was too late.

China's overaggressive strategy dates back to the 2008 financial crisis, which Beijing saw as "a strategic window of opportunity for China to become a global superpower," according to Greg Levesque, managing director of Pointe Bello consultants. Using internal Chinese documents, he recently explained to a congressional commission how China targeted "key core technologies" in the West.

An innovative early feature was the "Thousand Talents Plan," established by Beijing in 2008. The program sought to recruit "global experts," in particular those with Chinese ancestry, to join what the plan's website called "National Key Scientific and Technological Projects." By 2014, says the website, more than 4,180 overseas experts had been recruited.

The strategy was formalized in a 2017 speech by Xi. "Made in China 2025" is a roadmap for dominating key technologies such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing and biopharmaceuticals. Xi mobilized China's nominally private companies through an approach known as "Military-Civil Fusion."

The system for recruiting overseas talent was explained by an article posted April 16, 2018, by a Communist Party organization at Wuhan University People's Hospital, describing how cadres there created an "Overseas Talent Recruitment Station" at a gathering in Dallas of Chinese-American medical researchers.

A Wuhan party official told the Dallas group that he "hoped that more overseas talent would return to the motherland and develop" high-tech projects. (The article was shared with me by a U.S. security-consulting firm.)

Bill Priestap, then the FBI's head of counterintelligence, described the "Thousand Talents Program" in congressional testimony this past December as an example of "non-traditional espionage." He said the goal was "luring both Chinese overseas talent and foreign experts alike to bring their knowledge and experience to China, even if that means stealing proprietary information."

The problem for the Chinese is that this "brain gain" effort was so aggressive that it backfired. The New York Times reported this week that the FBI had recommended denying visas to some Chinese academics suspected of having ties to Chinese intelligence. The Energy Department recently banned anyone involved in China's talent-recruiting programs from working in its laboratories.

There's blowback in the trade negotiations, too. Lorand Laskai of the Council on Foreign Relations noted last year that the Trump administration mentioned "Made in China 2025" more than 100 times in its Section 301 trade complaint against Beijing. A newly wary China has stopped referring to the Thousand Talents Plan or mentioning award recipients, according to reports by Bloomberg News and Nature, respectively.

The Trump administration still doesn't have a consistent, comprehensive strategy for dealing with China. Among other things, it lacks a coherent regional economic framework, like the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement that Trump scuttled. But now is the right time to confront China's bad behavior, before Beijing gets any stronger, and while Trump has the political wind at his back.

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Trump vetoes resolution to end U.S. participation in Yemen's civil war

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President Trump on Tuesday vetoed a resolution that would have ended U.S. support for the Saudi-led military campaign in Yemen.

The move, which had been expected, marks the second veto of Trump's presidency.

"This resolution is an unnecessary, dangerous attempt to weaken my constitutional authorities, endangering the lives of American citizens and brave service members, both today and in the future," Trump said in a statement.

The measure had passed the House on a 247-to-175 vote this month and was approved by the Senate last month with the support of seven Republicans.

This month's House vote marked the first time both chambers had acted to invoke the same war-powers resolution to end U.S. military engagement in a foreign conflict. It also represented the latest instance of Congress's challenging Trump's decisions as commander in chief.

The veto means the United States will continue its involvement in Saudi Arabia's bombing campaign against Yemen's Houthi rebels, waged in the name of holding back Iran's expansion in the region.

But the Saudi-led effort, which has targeted civilian facilities and prevented aid shipments from getting to Yemenis, has been faulted by human rights organizations for exacerbating what the United Nations has deemed the world's worst humanitarian catastrophe.

A senior administration official said that Trump was involved in drafting and editing the language of Tuesday's veto statement and that he had told sena-



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The president's veto was expected, as he has told senators for some time he was going to issue it, a senior administration official said. The action came after the measure passed the House on a 247-to-175 vote and the Senate with the support of seven Republicans.

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"It should come as a surprise to nobody," the official said.

Trump viewed the Yemen vote as a rebuke of his administration after the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and urged some senators not to go along with it, according to White House and congressional aides.

The CIA has concluded that Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the country's de facto ruler, ordered Khashoggi's killing. Even so, Trump has resisted holding Mohammed responsible and has continued to embrace him and other Saudi leaders.

The president has grown frustrated with Congress for some of its votes that seemed designed to

admonish him, such as the decision to remove sanctions on Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska — who has ties to former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort — and the pushback against Trump's declaration of a national emergency to secure funding for his long-promised U.S.-Mexico border wall.

Trump's first veto, issued last

month, was of a congressional resolution disapproving of his emergency declaration. The president spent more time whipping votes against that measure than against the Yemen resolution, aides said.

The decision to keep support for the war in Yemen is perplexing to some members of the administration, considering the

president is usually inclined to remove U.S. troops from all conflict zones.

In his State of the Union address in February, Trump declared, "Great nations do not fight endless wars."

At the same time, Trump continues to want to keep strong ties with Saudi Arabia and does not share the view of Congress that the kingdom needs to be punished for the killing of Khashoggi aides said.

In his statement announcing the veto, Trump defended the U.S. involvement, arguing that "it is our duty to protect the safety of the more than 80,000 Americans who reside in certain coalition countries that have been subject to Houthi attacks from Yemen."

He also urged members of Congress to instead focus their energies on the drawdown of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Syria.

"Congressional engagement in those endeavors would be far more productive than expending time and effort trying to enact this unnecessary and dangerous resolution that interferes with our foreign policy with respect to Yemen," he said.

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.), who sits on the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees, responded Tuesday night that with his veto, Trump "shows the world he is determined to keep aiding a Saudi-backed war that has killed thousands of civilians and pushed millions more to the brink of starvation."

"I hope my colleagues will show we won't tolerate the Trump administration's deference to Saudi Arabia at the expense of American security interests by voting to override this veto," he said.

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Barr orders bail withheld from some asylum seekers, in policy reversal

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Migrants who come to the United States seeking asylum may instead wind up jailed indefinitely while they wait for their claims to be processed, the Trump administration ruled Tuesday in its latest crackdown at the border.

Attorney General William P. Barr's written decision, a policy reversal, applies to migrants who have already established "a credible fear of persecution or torture" in their home country.

Barr ordered immigration judges to stop allowing some asylum seekers to post bail while they wait the months or years for their cases to be heard — a system that President Trump has derided as "catch and release."

But advocates criticized the policy change and said it would lock up people who are simply looking for safety.

"Unless stopped, this decision will result in the unlawful jailing of thousands of people who should not be behind bars," said Omar Jadwat, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's

Immigrants' Rights Project, in a tweet.

Barr said the order wouldn't go into effect for 90 days, a three-month time frame that will probably see rights groups challenge the ruling in court.

"We will see the administration in court on this latest unlawful & inhuman attempt to deter and punish asylum seekers," Jadwat wrote.

Barr's ruling reversed the decision in a 2005 case in which an Indian man entered the United States from Mexico and requested asylum. Parole, granted solely and sparingly by the Department of Homeland Security, will be the only way asylum seekers who crossed the border illegally can be released once the order goes into effect.

Barr's decision to withhold bail from asylum seekers comes as record numbers of Central American families are crossing into the United States, many of whom are fleeing violence and poverty. These migrants know they can seek asylum under federal law and be released into the country pending court hearings about their claims, The Washington



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Post reported earlier this month. Trump has expressed frustration with the asylum system,

alleging that U.S. laws protecting immigrants from persecution obstruct his ability to safeguard the

country.

He has implored Congress to change these laws and has made

numerous attempts to stymie immigration, most notably separating children from their parents at the border last year. These policies have outraged Democrats.

"From separating families to attacking asylum seekers, this administration's bottomless cruelty has failed time and time again," said Julian Castro, a Democratic presidential candidate. "We need compassion, not cruelty, in our immigration system."

In November, a federal judge blocked Trump's asylum ban, which would have prevented asylum for migrants if they crossed into the United States illegally. And earlier this month, a judge shut down a proposed experimental policy known as Migrant Protection Protocols, which would have required migrants to stay in Mexico while awaiting their hearings.

The judge ordered the program suspended and granted entry to the plaintiffs, a ruling Trump dubbed a "disgrace," adding, "we have the worst laws of any country in the world."

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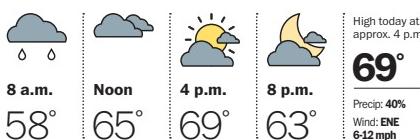
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What do you do when five baby squirrels accidentally tie their tails together? **B3**



MARYLAND

Six prison employees and seven inmates are among 20 charged in an alleged bribery scheme in Jessup. **B4**



OBITUARIES

David Brion Davis, 92, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, reshaped the study of slavery. **B6**



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Hundreds bid farewell to ‘speaker for us all’

At service for Michael E. Busch, beloved legislator is also recalled as a friend, coach and dad

The hundreds of people inside St. John Neumann Church on Tuesday knew Michael E. Busch the political giant, the onetime professional football prospect who was sidelined because of a knee injury and went on to become a teacher and coach at his high school alma mater before running for elective office and becoming, as Gov. Larry Hogan described, a “fearless advocate and a true champion for the people” of Maryland.

But his longtime friends and family wanted the people who gathered for Busch’s final farewell to also know the gregarious man who would repeat a funny story as if he’d never told it before; the

BY OVETTA WIGGINS

boss whose staffers never wanted to leave for another job because “they loved the guy, and he loved them”; and the dad who pushed his daughters, Erin and Megan, to excel on and off the athletic field.

They recalled his love of sports; his love for his family, especially his daughters; and his love for his home state of Maryland.

“He was a genuinely good guy,” said Judge Richard H. Duden III, who met Busch nearly 40 years ago when both

worked in the Anne Arundel Parks and Recreation Department. “He seemed to know everybody. And everybody seemed to like him.”

Busch was the longest-serving House speaker in Maryland history. He helped shepherd laws that improved access to health care, expanded school funding and legalized same-sex marriage.

He died April 7 at the age of 72 while being treated for pneumonia.

On Tuesday, blue and white “Mike Busch” campaign yard signs were posted along the median on part of the stretch of roadway that leads from the State House to St. John Neumann.

SEE BUSCH ON **B2**

The Maryland House speaker’s widow, Cynthia Abbott “Cindy” Busch, second from right, walks arm in arm with daughters Erin, left, and Megan Busch behind pallbearers during her husband’s funeral at St. John Neumann Church in Annapolis.

Michael E. Busch, who died April 7 at age 72, was the state’s longest-serving speaker.

Md. agency seeks halt to part of Purple Line work

Construction too close to ‘critical’ drinking-water pipe, utility says

BY KATHERINE SHAVER

Suburban Maryland’s water utility has asked state transit officials to “cease and desist” construction on part of the Purple Line that it says is perilously close to a major pipe that provides drinking water to Prince George’s County and would explode if broken.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) says that, despite its objections for several years, the Maryland

Transit Administration (MTA) has allowed its contractor building a train maintenance and storage facility in Glenridge to move soil atop an underground, 66-inch water main.

If the main broke under the state’s current Purple Line design, the WSSC says, the force of the water could wipe out train tracks, harm passengers, and limit drinking-water and fire hydrant operations in southern Prince George’s. WSSC officials say regrading also would put the pipe up to 30 feet underground — too deep to reach easily for routine maintenance or emergency repairs.

“I am writing to demand that you cease unauthorized construction work at the Glenridge Rail

BY GILLIAN BROCKELL

David Edmonston helped make medical history when he was just a boy. Doctors created the measles vaccine after swabbing his throat when he was sick and isolating the virus cultures for the first time. They called the new vaccine the Edmonston strain, and it helped eliminate the highly infectious disease from the United States.

Now, more than 60 years later, measles is making an alarming comeback. More than 550 cases have been diagnosed in the United States this year — the second-highest number in nearly two decades. An outbreak among ultra-Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn

SEE RETROPOLIS ON **B5**



A boy receives a measles vaccine at a school in Atlanta. In 1954, a throat swab from an 11-year-old led to the first measles vaccine.

Top Va. Democrats take hit in fundraising

But party members in House, Senate races outraise GOP opponents

BY LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — Fundraising took a dive for Virginia’s top three Democrats after they were mired in separate scandals early this year, but Democrats running in legislative races still raised substantially more than Republicans, according to first-quarter fundraising reports released Tuesday.

Gov. Ralph Northam and Attorney General Mark R. Herring have raised \$2,500 and \$17,250 respectively since admitting in the first week of February that they had worn blackface as young men. Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax has raised no money since two women stepped forward that week to say he had sexually assaulted them in the early 2000s — accusations he has strongly denied.

The reports show a stark drop-off in donations to the trio of statewide officeholders during the first three months of the year, compared with what their predecessors took in over the same period four years ago, according to the nonprofit Virginia Public Access Project.

But at least so far, fundraising on the part of individual Democratic candidates for the House of Delegates and Senate does not appear to have suffered.

In the House, where all 100

SEE FUNDRAISING ON **B2**

Courtland Milloy

He is away. His column will resume when he returns.



A hearse carrying the casket of late Maryland House speaker Michael E. Busch (D-Anne Arundel) travels in a funeral procession Tuesday on Rowe Boulevard in Annapolis en route to the service. There, attendees recalled a man beloved by family, staff and those he mentored.

Hundreds gather for speaker's funeral

BUSCH FROM B1

More than 200 current and former state and Anne Arundel County public officials were part of the crowd of nearly 1,000 people inside the church, along with legislative staffers, former high school classmates and lobbyists.

In addition to Hogan (R), the politicians included former governor Martin O'Malley (D), former governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. (R), U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), U.S. House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.), Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. (D) and state Attorney General Brian E. Frosh (D).

D. Bruce Poole, a former state delegate and former chairman of the Maryland Democratic Party, called Busch's ascension to one of the most powerful positions in Maryland politics almost "preordained."

Poole said he and Busch were a part of a very large freshman class elected in 1986. He remembered meeting Busch while the two were waiting to get their state-issued delegate license plates from the Motor Vehicle Administration. The booth was almost closing. Poole said he was getting antsy because he still needed to

get a hotel room in Annapolis for the General Assembly session and make arrangements at the U.S. Naval Academy to use the gym.

Busch told him: "Don't worry about it; you're going to be fine," Poole recalled.

"He was my coach and my best buddy. Love you, Dad; thank you for everything."

Erin Busch, daughter of late Maryland House speaker Michael E. Busch (D-Anne Arundel)

He gave Poole the name of someone he knew at the Ramada Inn and a person to check with at the Naval Academy and told him he had a connection with "the lady all the way up front" at the MVA. It was Busch's mom, Poole said.

The church erupted in laughter.

Busch did the same for each of the other new lawmakers in the

class, Poole said, cementing their loyalty. Years later, when long-time Speaker Casper Taylor lost his seat and the Democrats needed to elect his successor, Busch, who had commanded the powerful Economic Matters Committee with skill and integrity, was the natural choice.

Poole said there were naysayers who didn't think a football player "had the stuff to be speaker . . . Boy, did he prove them wrong."

As a Democrat who modeled himself after John F. Kennedy, Poole said, Busch built a reputation for "making sure that ordinary citizens have a shot."

"For years to come, children in the state of Maryland will be educated in schools, and patients will be healed in hospitals, citizens will be made wiser in our libraries . . . all because of Mike Busch and the Republicans and the Democrats that he worked with," Poole said. "He wasn't just the speaker of the House; he was the speaker for us all."

In her own eulogy, Erin Busch recalled how her father never missed a game and never missed a play.

"No matter what, he made time for us," she said, adding that as teenagers they had "daddy-daughter" bonding time, which

often consisted of playing catch or going out to the movies.

"He was my coach and my best buddy," she said, pausing as her voice cracked with emotion. "Love you, Dad; thank you for everything."

At the end of the service, Hogan placed the Maryland flag that had flown over the State House on April 7, the day of Busch's death, into Cynthia Abbott "Cindy" Busch's hands. She held it tightly as she and her daughters stood behind the casket and watched the pallbearers place it inside the hearse.

The final tributes to Busch began Monday, when he lay in state beneath the State House dome, steps away from the House chamber where he had presided since 2003.

A Maryland State Police honor guard stood watch for 22 hours as hundreds filed past to say their goodbyes.

Barbara Hopkins, an Annapolis resident who went to high school with Busch, decided to pay her respects by attending Tuesday's service.

"It's hard to imagine someone you knew so long ago doing that," Hopkins said of Busch's stature in Maryland history. "He was just always Mike to me."

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Playing with light

Adelaide Needham, 2, explores "Mirror Mirror" on Monday at Waterfront Park in Alexandria. The structure is an interactive sculpture created by SOFTlab, a design studio in New York. The mirrored facets were inspired by the lenses of the nearby Jones Point Lighthouse. The installation is to remain in the park through November.

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Top Va. Democrats raise less than their predecessors

FUNDRAISING FROM B1

seats are on the ballot in November, Democratic candidates raised \$2.4 million in the first quarter, compared with \$1.7 million raised by Republican contenders. In the Senate, where all 40 seats are up, Democratic candidates raised \$1.9 million while Republicans raised \$1.1 million.

House Democrats touted the fundraising advantage in an email sent late Tuesday afternoon — with the aim of raising more money. "We're winning," the subject line said.

"These reports are hard, on-paper evidence that the will to win among Democrats is at an all-time high," the email said. "We have the momentum and we have the competitive edge."

Some Democrats had been concerned that they would not be able to count on fundraising help from Northam, Fairfax and Herring in this year's legislative elections, which could prove pivotal. Virginia is one of just four states with such elections in 2019 and the only one with a competitive race for control of both houses of the legislature.

Republicans have been playing up the scandals as they try to defend their two-seat margins in both chambers.

The GOP noted that more Democrats face primaries, which could burn up campaign cash before the general-election fight. House Republicans also touted their hefty advantage in cash on hand — \$6 million for the GOP, compared with \$4.2 million for Democrats — because Speaker Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights) raised a record \$2.4 million last year, his first as speaker. Republicans had a smaller cash-on-hand advantage over Democrats in the Senate, about \$4.9 million vs. \$4.4 million.

"House Democrats are playing catch up after the Speaker's strong year gave us a big head start, but we know that out of state donors and wealthy progressives will spend almost anything to buy a majority in the House," Cox spokesman Parker Slaybaugh said in an email.

The reports cover the first three months of the year, a period that included the 46-day General Assembly session, when state officeholders are prohibited from raising money. Northam, Herring and Fairfax had just about a week to raise money at the start of the year before they had to pause for the session, and they had about a month after the session before the quarter ended March 31. The scandals unfolded in the middle of that.

Northam's first-quarter total was \$207,500, while in 2015, then-Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) raised \$822,586 over the same period. Herring, serving his second term, raised a total of \$18,000 in the first three months, compared with \$137,879 in 2015. Fairfax raised \$1,950 for the quarter, while then-Lt. Gov. Northam brought in \$30,930 four years ago.

Among legislative candidates, Democratic challenger Daniel Helmer was one of the biggest fundraisers with \$124,318 — right behind the man he'd like to un-

seat, Del. Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax), who raised \$162,216. The only delegate who raised more — at least in a personal campaign fund — was Minority Leader Eileen Filler-Corn (D-Fairfax), with \$189,775. She raised an additional \$25,683 through her Energized for Change PAC.

Cox raised \$222,933, through his Colonial Leadership Trust PAC. House Majority Leader Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah) raised \$20,750 through his PAC.

One of the highest fundraisers in Senate races was Del. Debra H. Rodman (D-Henrico), who is challenging Sen. Siobhan S. Dunnavant (R-Henrico). She raised \$178,918, compared with \$49,605 for Dunnnavant.

The only Senate candidate to raise more than Rodman was Minority Leader Richard L. Saslaw (D-Fairfax), with \$185,665. In office since 1979, Saslaw faces his first primary challengers in 40 years in Yasmine Taeb, who raised \$58,389, and Karen Torrent, with \$360.

Del. Danica A. Roem (D-Prince William), the state's first elected transgender lawmaker, raised \$71,254 in the first quarter but has taken in a total of \$280,200

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toward her reelection campaign, nearly three times as much as the average hauls of the 14 other freshmen Democrats in the House.

Sen. Barbara A. Favola (D-Arlington), who was elected in 2011, raised \$63,995. She faces a challenge from the left from Nicole Merlene, who raised \$20,936.

Del. Alfonso H. Lopez (D-Arlington), his party's minority whip, raised \$50,924. Progressives have targeted him for his past consulting work for ICA-Farmville, an immigrant detention facility in southern Virginia. He faces challenger J.D. Spain, president of the Arlington branch of the NAACP, who raised \$18,556.

Del. Lee J. Carter (D-Manassas), a Democratic socialist elected in 2017, is facing a primary challenge from Manassas City Council member Mark Wolfe, a former Republican who became a Democrat after President Trump's election. Carter raised \$40,894 to Wolfe's \$27,181.

Sen. Majority Leader Thomas K. Norment Jr. (R-James City) raised \$19,237 for his own reelection, while the Senate Republican Caucus's PAC raised \$286,979.

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Virginia's State Capitol, seen in February. In the House, all 100 seats are on the ballot in November. In the Senate, all 40 seats will be up. Virginia is one of just four states with such elections in 2019.

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THE DISTRICT

Father charged in death of infant is being sought

BY PETER HERMANN

An infant girl who died last month had suffered a fractured skull at the hands of her father at an apartment in Southeast Washington, a court document made public Monday alleges.

The new details in the death of 3-month-old Skylar Newman are contained in an application for a search warrant allowing D.C. police to look for evidence in the apartment in the 4300 block of G Street SE, in the Benning Ridge neighborhood.

Police on Monday announced that they had issued an arrest warrant for the father, identified as Cornell Delvonte Holton, 25, on a charge of first-degree murder. He was being sought Tuesday.

Authorities have said little about the case other than to identify the victim and say that she died as a result of blunt force trauma. Skylar was found unconscious about 9:30 p.m. on March 16 and died three days later at Children's National Medical Center. Her death was ruled a homicide.

Authorities and court papers have not detailed how the child may have been injured.

John Kelly's Washington

The search warrant application says Skylar's mother left the G Street residence about 5 p.m. on March 16, leaving the infant and another child with Holton. The warrant says Skylar "was in good health" when the mother left. She told police that she and Holton had a video chat about 7 p.m. and that Skylar appeared fine.

Holton told police he fed Skylar and put her to bed about 7:30 p.m., according to the court document. He told police he checked on her at 9:30 p.m., found her unconscious and called 911.

Paramedics rushed Skylar to the hospital and were joined by Holton and the infant's mother, police said.

Police sought permission from a judge to search the apartment for evidence including electronic devices, bedding, food, medicine and paperwork, along with anything "identified as possible evidence in the physical abuse" of the infant.

The search warrant says police seized a Boppy infant pillow, a shoe box containing documents and a document scanner.

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LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

Maryland man fatally shot in Southeast

A Maryland man was fatally shot Monday night on a sidewalk in front of an apartment building in Southeast Washington, according to D.C. police.

The victim was identified as Antwan Marquis Hucks, 31, of Oxon Hill.

Police said the shooting happened about 8:45 p.m. in the 2400 block of Pomery Road SE, near Barry Farm.

Officers heard the gunshots and rushed to the street where the victim fell, police said. Hucks was pronounced dead on the scene.

— Peter Hermann

MARYLAND

22-year-old shooting victim is identified

A man who was fatally shot over the weekend in Maryland has been identified.

Derrell White, 22, of Suitland, was killed around 3:10 a.m. Sunday, at a home in the 3500 block of Maywood Lane near the Suitland Parkway, according to Prince George's County police.

When police arrived, they found White and another person who had been shot inside the home. White was pronounced dead on the scene. The other victim suffered injuries that were not life-threatening.

Police said they were trying to figure out a motive and suspect or suspects.

— Dana Hedgpeth

Second local case of measles is confirmed

Maryland health officials said Tuesday a second case of measles was confirmed in a resident of the state this month.

Earlier this month, Maryland's Department of Health reported a case of measles, saying anyone who might have been at an office building at 4000 Old Court Rd. in Pikesville between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on April 2 may have been exposed.

On Tuesday, the Department of Health said in a statement that a second case was confirmed in a Maryland resident who is a "household contact" of the first person infected.

Both got the illness outside of Maryland, according to the statement, and there is no evidence of further spread of the disease in the state.

Symptoms of measles include fever, runny nose and coughing, the statement said, and often appear up to 14 days after exposure.

Officials said anyone in need of a measles vaccine should contact their health-care provider or visit the health department's website.

The cases among Maryland residents were reported as 90 new cases were reported in the second week of April nationwide.

— Justin Wm. Moyer

VIRGINIA

Three are rescued in townhouse fire

Three people were rescued Tuesday from a house fire in Woodbridge, officials said.

The two-alarm fire broke out just before 3 a.m. at a townhouse in the 1700 block of Tiger Lily Circle. Firefighters found three people trapped inside and the back deck of the house on fire.

The people were rescued and did not require medical treatment, according to the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

— Dana Hedgpeth

Two famous tales of untangling baby squirrels' tails



WISCONSIN HUMANE SOCIETY

Five baby Eastern gray squirrels in Milwaukee got their tails bound together last fall. An employee with the Wisconsin Humane Society anesthetized them, then undid the knot. All survived.

When the quintet came in, Diehl saw that the squirrels were agitated.

"If one went in one direction they'd pull everyone else," he said. "They were pulling in five directions at once."

He decided to sedate the squirrels, injecting each with a tiny amount of what rehabilitators call "pre-mix": a combination of the drugs ketamine and xylazine. With the squirrels zonked out and resting on a heating pad, Diehl used fine, sharp-pointed scissors to snip away at the tangle of hair and nest material.

It took about 20 minutes to separate the squirrels.

"It was like untangling a ball of Christmas lights," Diehl said.

Laura Stastny's procedure last May took bit longer: Ninety minutes. But the executive director of Nebraska Wildlife Rehab was working alone. And she had an additional squirrel: Six juvenile fox squirrels in total. And the squirrels were awake.

"Ideally I would have gotten one of the veterinarians to lightly sedate them," she said, "but it was late at night, and I didn't have that option."

The squirrels were found in Elkhorn, a suburb of Omaha. They had come from a nest in a pine tree. Their tails had become sticky with pine sap, then gotten knotted as the squirrels roistered around.

At the wildlife center, Stastny covered the scrambling sextet with a towel to keep them calm.

"I had them wrapped like a squirrel burrito," she said. "That protected me from bites."

She exposed their tangled tails and got to work.

"It was like I was untangling knots in shoelaces," she said.

"Starting at the tips, I worked all of the knots out of their tails."

Both tail tales went viral.

Stastny's story was picked up by the Associated Press and appeared in newspapers as far away as Britain and Germany. She was contacted by a French

children's magazine.

The Wisconsin squirrels went international, too. They were featured on the German quiz show "Wer weiss denn sowas?" ("Who knew?"). The European Board of Veterinary Specialization asked to use photos of the five tangled siblings in veterinary examinations. The squirrels even inspired a skit on *Conan O'Brien's* show. (In it, five members of his crew get their ponytails tangled.)

All 11 of the squirrels survived their encounters, but they did not emerge totally unscathed.

"The issue with these guys is, if they're tied together long enough they lose circulation in the tips of their tails," said Stastny. "They usually end up losing some portion."

Five of the six Nebraska squirrels had from a quarter to half of their tails amputated.

Three of the Wisconsin squirrels also lost some portion of their tails.

But not to worry: "They can survive without a tail," Diehl said. Both sets of squirrels were released after they'd recovered.

Stastny and Diehl both said they'd untangled baby squirrels before, but never did they receive such attention afterward.

"Someone might say, 'Why care? Squirrels are abundant, even a nuisance,'" Diehl said. "For us, it all goes back to our mission. The mission of the Wisconsin Humane Society is to build a community that values animals and treats them with respect and kindness."

Tomorrow: Squirrel Week continues with the winners of the 2019 Squirrel Photography Contest.

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LOTTERIES

Results from April 16

DISTRICT

Mid-Day Lucky Numbers:	2-3-1
Mid-Day DC-4:	4-3-3-9
Mid-Day DC-5:	7-4-9-4-2
Lucky Numbers (Mon.):	5-8-1
Lucky Numbers (Tue.):	0-6-1
DC-4 (Mon.):	4-5-1-0
DC-4 (Tue.):	3-0-0-6
DC-5 (Mon.):	2-5-4-1-8
DC-5 (Tue.):	3-2-8-4-1

MARYLAND

Day/Pick 3:	5-8-7
Pick 4:	4-2-2-2
Night/Pick 3 (Mon.):	4-1-7
Pick 3 (Tue.):	6-3-7
Pick 4 (Mon.):	3-1-8-7
Pick 4 (Tue.):	8-2-0-4
Multi-Match (Mon.):	7-9-11-12-35-39
Match 5 (Mon.):	7-11-16-25-27 *37
Match 5 (Tue.):	9-25-28-29-39 *32
5 Card Cash:	6D-8H-JC-7H-4D

VIRGINIA

Day/Pick 3:	8-8-2
Pick 4:	2-2-3-2
Cash-5 (Tue.):	14-21-22-24-34
Night/Pick 3 (Mon.):	6-9-6
Pick 3 (Tue.):	1-1-4
Pick 4 (Mon.):	8-4-7
Pick 4 (Tue.):	6-5-9-8
Cash-5 (Mon.):	5-11-14-22-27
Cash-5 (Tue.):	9-29-30-32-33

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Cash 4 Life:	3-13-19-36-50 *12
Mega Millions:	11-29-34-48-54 **10
Megaplier:	2x
Lucky for Life:	13-17-30-35-39 *7
*Bonus Ball	**Mega Ball
†Lucky Ball	‡Cash Ball

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ed the Coast Guard and FBI personnel in Baltimore to investigate.

Hasson has pleaded not guilty.

At his detention hearing Feb. 21, Hasson's lawyers said there was no proof that he intended to carry out an attack and argued that he shouldn't remain in jail pending trial if he doesn't face terrorism-related charges.

"Many more than 14 days have now passed, and the government has not charged Mr. Hasson with any terrorism-related offense."

Elizabeth Oyer,
assistant federal public defender

U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles B. Day ordered that Hasson remain jailed but gave the government 14 days to file additional charges connected with "any of the asserted criminal activity that they allude to and have argued here today about." Day said that absent charges, Hasson's defense could come back and request a

rehearing on his detention status.

Less than a week later, the government indicted Hasson on two additional weapons charges related to unlawful possession of silencers. On March 11, after Hasson had appeared in court and entered his plea of not guilty, Day granted the government's motion to keep Hasson detained during trial.

"Many more than 14 days have now passed, and the government has not charged Mr. Hasson with any terrorism-related offense," assistant federal public defender Elizabeth Oyer wrote in a memo asking for another hearing to review Hasson's pretrial detention status.

Oyer also said that the government told her and the court that it didn't expect to file a superseding indictment in the case.

A spokesman for the office of the U.S. attorney for the District of Maryland declined to comment.

The government has not responded to the memo, and a hearing has not been scheduled, according to online court records.

Hasson was in the Coast Guard for more than 20 years and also had served in the Marine Corps and Army National Guard. The Coast Guard said they suspended his secret security clearance.

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Maryland transit officials say they'll move pipe but continue work on facility

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Storage Yard until further notice," the WSSC's general manager, Carla A. Reid, wrote Friday to MTA head Kevin Quinn.

Jeff Ensor, the MTA's director of project delivery and finance, said he and other Purple Line project members showed WSSC officials during a site visit Tuesday that nothing has been built atop the pipe. Moreover, he said, state transit officials told the WSSC last week that they had agreed to move the water main farther from the tracks and facility.

Under current plans, Ensor said, the Purple Line's maintenance and operations building would have been 65 to 85 feet from the pipe, and train tracks would have been 50 to 70 feet away. He said the WSSC has been objecting to the pipe's proximity for more than a year.

"Last week, we said we understood their concerns and offered to relocate the pipe, and we're working through the details of that with WSSC," Ensor said. "Both parties, I think, are optimistic that we'll have a good resolution."

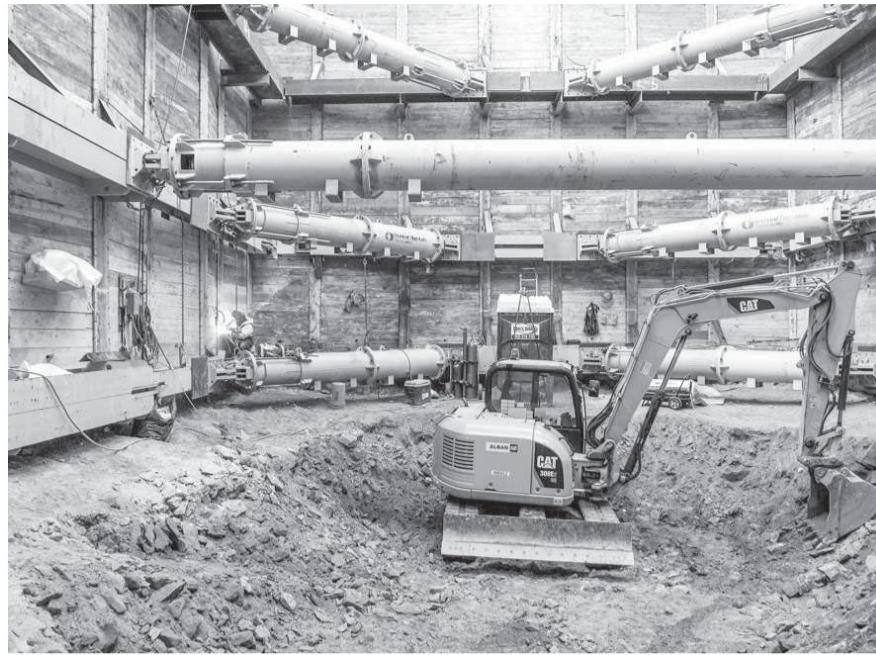
WSSC officials have long worried about new construction within 80 feet of their massive, highly pressurized distribution mains. A 2012 utility analysis found that the pipes can explode with the force of 20 to 200 pounds of dynamite and spew water at up to 90 mph.

A 66-inch water main that ruptured in Bethesda in 2008 flooded River Road, leaving stranded motorists to be rescued by boat and helicopter. A torrent of water from a 54-inch pipe that broke in 2011 near the Capital Beltway in Prince George's blew off doors and ripped out walls in nearby businesses and threw parked vehicles upside down.

Those pipes were made of concrete. The one buried near the Purple Line construction is made of steel and was installed in 1991, WSSC spokesman Chuck Brown said. However, he said, it is pressurized in the same way and, if it broke, "would cause a considerable amount of damage."

Ensor said the state has agreed to move the main to make it easier for the WSSC to access for repairs, not out of any safety concerns.

"Safety is [the state's] number-one priority," Ensor said. "We feel confident that even if the pipe stayed in place, nobody would be



DOUG KAPUSTIN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Purple Line construction in December in downtown Bethesda. Disagreements about a facility in Glenridge are likely to further complicate the debate over when the Purple Line will be operational.

at risk, even with a pipe blowout."

He said water pipes lie safely beneath rail lines all over the country, including Metro tracks. This water pipe is in "very good condition," he said.

"We feel confident that even if the pipe stayed in place, nobody would be at risk."

Jeff Ensor,
Maryland Transit Administration's
director of project delivery and
finance

"Structurally, it could handle everything the contractor planned to put on top of it," he said.

He added that the contractor is not doing any work atop the water main and will not until the WSSC approves it.

But Brown said Tuesday's site visit supported the utility's "cease and desist" letter because utility officials photographed "large amounts of dirt piled on top of the main," which makes the "critical"

pipe too difficult to reach in an emergency.

Per an agreement, Brown said, the MTA is supposed to seek the WSSC's approval for any construction work that affects the water main or "continuous access" to it. He said the state's 2014 Purple Line plan showed the water pipe being relocated, but the design apparently changed.

"We are glad the state has agreed to pay for the relocation of the pipe," Brown said. "We now need them to agree to stop work impacting access to this crucial main. We stand by our cease-and-desist letter."

A spokesman for Prince George's County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks (D) said county leaders are concerned about potential damage to a pipe that provides drinking water to so much of the county. He said county officials have been in touch with the MTA and its contractor, Purple Line Transit Partners.

"We made sure they understand we want them to work together to remedy this issue," spokesman John Erzen said. "We'll continue to monitor the situation as we go forward to see what solution they come up with."

Maryland transit officials have said the pace of the Glenridge

facility's construction on Veterans Parkway (Route 410) is key to the 16-mile Purple Line's overall timeline because it must be completed before trains can be tested between it and the New Carrollton station. It will be the primary storage and maintenance yard for Purple Line trains, as well as the main operations center.

Ensor said he did not know how much it will cost to move the pipe or who — the state or contractor — will pay for it.

That is likely to further complicate a long-running debate over when the Purple Line, now in its second year of construction, will begin carrying passengers and how much its \$2.4 billion construction budget might grow.

The line is scheduled to open to passengers in December 2022. However, the contractor has said it will not be done until March 2023, and then only if the state pays an additional \$300 million to offset delays and accelerate work.

Purple Line officials have said they have not agreed to pay any cost overruns. Ensor said that he did not know how long it would take to move the Glenridge pipe but that it would not add to any construction delays.

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MARYLAND

Prison workers, inmates are indicted in alleged corruption ring in Jessup

BY LYNH BUI
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Twenty people have been indicted on racketeering charges in a broad corruption ring that involved corrections officers accepting bribes, kickbacks and sexual favors to smuggle contraband to inmates at a Maryland prison, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

Employees at the Maryland Correctional Institution in Jessup sneaked in drugs, cellphones, tobacco and USB drives, which inmates would sell to others imprisoned at the medium-security facility, according to the indictment that was unsealed this week.

Corrections employees suspected in the smuggling ring hid contraband "in their hair, clothing, underwear and internally" to get past the prison's security screening, the indictment said. The employees accused in the scheme then delivered the smuggled items to inmates at various locations throughout the facility, including at "stash" locations such as the prison library, the indictment states.

"The indictment details a truly troubling level of corruption that permeated the correctional facility," Robert K. Hur, the U.S. attorney for Maryland, said in announcing the 11-count indictment.

At least one corrections officer was charged with crimes involving sexual offenses against at least three inmates. The indictment alleges a corrections officer forced an inmate to perform a sex act, telling the inmate that he otherwise would not receive parole.

The scheme, which dated to 2014, created a "culture of corruption and lawlessness inside the prison," prosecutors said in the indictment filed in federal court in Baltimore.

The latest indictment out of Jessup is part of a larger string of corruption cases involving the Maryland corrections system. Federal authorities in 2016 prosecuted about 50 inmates and officers in a bribery and drug conspiracy case out of the state's largest prison, the Eastern Correctional Institution on the Eastern Shore. At the Baltimore City Detention Center, also run by the state, more than 40 people were convicted in a similar corruption scheme in 2013. Gov. Larry Hogan (R) later closed the Baltimore jail.

In January 2018, 18 people were indicted in a similar smuggling scheme at Jessup Correctional Institution, a maximum-security facility separate from the prison involved in the case announced Tuesday. All 18 pleaded guilty, capping a two-year-long investigation under the Maryland state prosecutor.

J. Michael Ziegler, acting secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, said in a statement Tuesday that the latest case brings the number of employees, inmates and citizen accomplices indicted on a charge of prison corruption in Maryland to close to 200.

Hur credited prison officials with cooperating with the investigation, saying that "they share

"The indictment details a truly troubling level of corruption that permeated the correctional facility."

Robert K. Hur, U.S. attorney for Maryland, on allegations in the federal indictment

our commitment to rooting out corruption."

In total, six corrections employees, seven inmates and seven "outside facilitators" were charged in the case unsealed Tuesday.

The employees charged were Lt. Owen Nesmith, 50; officer Patricia McDaniel, 26; officer Janel Griffin, 40; case manager Robert Doggett, 53; contract exterminator Ricky McNeely, 39; and contract nurse Joseph Nwanocha, 39.

The inmates charged were Corey Alston, 29; Jerrard Bzemore, 34; Irving Hernandez, 25; Todd Holloway, 34; Schvel Mack, 29; Larnell Megginson, 38; and Tavon Price, 35.

Those accused of procuring and transporting contraband to be smuggled into the prison were Aldon Alston, 55; Ashley Alston, 28; Tyriisha Johnson, 23; Jamia Lawson, 27; Jerrell McNeill, 35; India Parker, 33; and Lekeah Pendleton, 40.

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Families sue preschool over alleged sexual abuse

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ents allege Jensen ignored signs that abuse may have been occurring on campus.

The children, the lawsuit states, "were subject to systemic and regular sexual abuse on school property, during the school day, by a member of the teaching staff."

A spokeswoman for Washington Hebrew Congregation said it is fully cooperating with the criminal investigation and denied some of the allegations of negligence set forth in the lawsuit.

"In August 2018, Washington Hebrew Congregation immediately reported the allegations to DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and Child Protective Services as soon as we learned of them," spokeswoman Amy Rotenberg said in an email. "Although there has not been any arrest, these allegations are very troubling; as a faith community, Washington Hebrew has supported and will continue to support its entire community as individuals grapple with how these allegations affect them and their families."

Jensen did not respond to requests for comment from The Washington Post, although Rotenberg confirmed that she had received them.

Founded in 1852, Washington Hebrew Congregation is a prominent Reform synagogue in the District's Tenleytown neighborhood, according to its website. The congregation opened a preschool 35 years ago and has a campus in the District and a second in Maryland. Tuition runs about \$16,000 for full-time students.

The preschool is closed this week for spring break.

The lawsuit states that the preschool teacher identified in the complaint was allowed to be

alone with students despite city regulations requiring at least two adults to be present with toddlers in licensed child development centers. The school also did not properly train staff on ways to reduce the potential for child sexual abuse and to recognize signs that it may have happened, the lawsuit alleges.

Rotenberg said the preschool has passed city inspections and that it denies violating city regulations. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education, the

"The sets of problems do not just go away by removing the child from the environment or removing the predator."

Michael Dolce,
attorney representing the families
suing the preschool at Washington
Hebrew Congregation

D.C. agency that oversees early-child development centers, could not immediately be reached for comment Tuesday, which was a city holiday.

The teacher identified in the lawsuit no longer works at the preschool in Northwest Washington. He was hired in March 2016, according to court records.

Within a month of the man beginning work at Washington Hebrew, teachers and parents reported to Jensen incidents of inappropriate behavior, according to the lawsuit. The alleged behavior included being late returning students when he was alone with them and not responding to co-workers who were looking for him while he was with students.

The lawsuit states that when

an adult reported potential abuse to Jensen, the director said that the person reporting the potential abuse had a "sick mind" and that the teacher would never abuse children. Jensen did not investigate the incidents further, did not restrict the teacher's access to children and did not report the allegations to city officials, according to the lawsuit.

"We are prepared to prove in this litigation that multiple adults — teachers and parents — went to the director of the school, Ms. Jensen, and either warned her specifically about behaviors they saw that were troubling or raised the concern about him taking children into rooms alone," said Michael Dolce, an attorney at the law firm Cohen Milstein, which is representing the eight families who filed the lawsuit.

An attorney for the teacher identified in the lawsuit denied the allegations of sexual abuse.

D.C. police launched an investigation into allegations of sexual abuse at the preschool in August. A spokesman for the department said Monday that the investigation is ongoing and that no arrests have been made. A police report on the alleged incidents states that someone made allegations of abuse through a D.C. Child and Family Services Agency hotline.

When the investigation into alleged abuse was first brought to public attention in August, the school said a staff member at the early-childhood center had been placed on administrative leave.

"We have taken this matter seriously and have kept the community regularly apprised of what we know," Rotenberg wrote in the email she sent Tuesday.

The police report says the alleged abuse happened between September 2017 and August 2018, although the lawsuit states that

the teacher's inappropriate behavior began before then.

Dolce, who specializes in sex-crime cases, said investigations involving victims who are toddlers can take longer than other cases because the victims may struggle to communicate what occurred.

The lawsuit alleges that students displayed abnormal behavior that preschool employees with proper training should have recognized as signs of abuse.

The families are suing for an unspecified amount of money, claiming the school's negligence has led to a potential lifetime of emotional distress, medical costs and therapy for the children. The lawsuit states that the alleged abuse may limit the children's earning potential in the future.

The lawsuit does not describe in detail the nature of the alleged sexual assaults, although Dolce said the allegations represent significant sex crimes.

The families who filed the lawsuit have all removed their children from the school, Dolce said.

"All of these children have received mental health care already," Dolce said. "To varying degrees, these children are suffering horribly, exhibiting substantial dysfunction. ... The sets of problems do not just go away by removing the child from the environment or removing the predator."

In August, the temple's rabbi, president and head of schools sent a letter to families informing them of the investigation.

"These allegations and the necessary investigations are painful for everyone, but as a sacred community and congregation we seek to provide support to all as we face these challenges," the letter said. "We seek both justice and compassion as our tradition demands."

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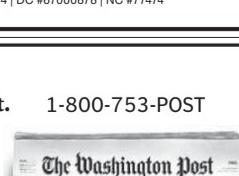
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Measles groundbreaking opted against son's inoculation

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prompted New York City to declare a public health emergency last week and order mandatory vaccinations. The disease is mostly spreading among communities where misconceptions persist about vaccine safety.

Edmonston knows something about that. When it came time to vaccinate his own child, he and his wife chose not to do it.

Edmonston's wife, who died in 2002, was a public health educator, he said, "so in matters of public health, I let her lead the way, because she had more information than I did. And she was one of the people opposed to having the vaccination."

It isn't clear what her objections were, since a now-disproved report linking vaccines to autism wasn't published until 1998, and doctors would have recommended

their son get a measles, mumps and rubella inoculation in the early 1980s.

"It was wrong, but I don't think it was due to willful ignorance," said Edmonston, 76, retired and living in Virginia.

Edmonston doesn't remember much about his own measles. It was 1954, and the 11-year-old from Maryland was attending a boarding school outside Boston.

"It was pretty nasty, and I was pretty much out of it the whole time," he said in an interview with The Washington Post. "So, my memories are a little vague."

One things he remembers clearly, though, is a doctor coming to his bedside and asking him whether he would be willing "to be of service to mankind." The doctor told Edmonston that he was working on a vaccine and asked whether he could take a blood sample and throat swab.

Edmonston, along with a handful of other infected boys at the school, agreed.

Later in the school year, Ed-

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David Edmonston, 76,

speaking about the decision he and his wife made in the 1980s not to vaccinate his own child against measles. When Edmonston was a boy, doctors created the first measles vaccine from a swab of his throat.

monston said, the doctor and some colleagues returned with news: The sample he had provided was exactly what they were

looking for, and with it, they were going to be able to develop a measles vaccine.

"He was kind of beaming about the thing," Edmonston said. "They offered me a steak dinner, but I didn't care for steak."

The doctor was Harvard researcher Thomas C. Peebles, a recent medical school graduate who was working with famed physician John F. Enders. Enders had won a Nobel Prize after successfully growing the polio virus in tissue cultures — an integral step toward the development of the polio vaccine.

At the time, nearly every child caught the measles before the age of 15, with an estimated 3 million to 4 million cases causing more than 400 deaths per year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Edmonston returned to Bethesda after one year at the

boarding school. Nine years later, not long after he graduated from high school, the vaccine was finally ready to roll out to the public.

The effect was immediate. By 1968, annual reported measles cases were down to 22,231. The vaccine was eventually combined with the mumps and rubella vaccines into one shot known as the MMR. In 2000, measles was declared eliminated in the United States, meaning there had been an absence of the continuous disease transmission for more than 12 months.

Edmonston went on to a varied career as a draftsman, science teacher and owner of a construction company. He married and, in 1980, had one son, whom he now regrets not vaccinating against the measles. He declined to talk about other vaccinations.

Edmonston understands that claims linking vaccines to autism

or other conditions have been thoroughly disproved. He said he has suggested to his son, now in his 30s, that he get vaccinated.

Edmonston's son did not respond to a request for comment.

Edmonston is proud of the small but integral role he played in bringing down measles rates around the world. He has been a member of the meditation group Science of Spirituality for decades, and "a large part of the teaching I follow is that we should be of service to humanity."

"So this has been a wonderful opportunity to . . . be of service to humanity with really very little effort on my part," he said.

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MARYLAND

State, city officials skeptical of reasons for abrupt closure of seats at Pimlico

BY DOUG DONOVAN

BALTIMORE — Baltimore's acting mayor and several other elected officials said that they view the Maryland Jockey Club's closure of nearly 7,000 seats at Pimlico Race Course as retribution for losing a legislative fight with the city about how to spend state subsidies on horse-racing tracks.

City officials are demanding evidence of the safety problems that prompted the closure of the grandstand's seats and are sending building inspectors to assess what impact the jockey club's decision might have on other seating areas at the 149-year-old racetrack in Northwest Baltimore.

The jockey club's decision — announced Saturday — to shutter the oldest section at Old Hilltop came a little more than a month before the track's lucrative Preakness weekend and just days after Maryland lawmakers ended the 2019 legislative session without passing a company-backed bill to invest state funds at Laurel Park instead of Pimlico.

Officials with the Stronach Group, which owns the jockey club, said the decision was based on an engineering firm's findings they received in late March that 6,670 seats in the Old Grandstand's open-air section are "no longer suitable to sustain that level of load bearing weight."

Several elected officials said Monday that they want the company to release the engineering report and question why it did

not notify state lawmakers about the findings before the General Assembly session ended April 8. The funding bill favored by Stronach did not end in defeat until that night, and the decision to close the seats was made a few days later.

"You have a group that for 17 years has systematically disinvested in Pimlico and then, after the city folks who were negotiating during the session were successful, all of a sudden they have this emergency just shortly after the session closes," said Lester Davis, a spokesman for acting mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young. "It was questionable timing."

Davis said Young, who is acting mayor while Catherine Pugh remains on leave, asked city agencies to look into the conditions at Pimlico.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Housing and Community Development said the agency would examine whether the seating closure could affect the rest of Pimlico's ability to host tens of thousands of guests during next month's Preakness Stakes and Black-Eyed Susan Day.

"We are now having our building inspection team request a copy of the engineer's report and conduct an inspection," department spokeswoman Tammy Hawley said. "We are also reaching out for the fire marshal's office on the matter."

Stronach officials said they would not release the engineer's report because they were still re-

viewing its findings. The company does not conduct annual engineering reviews of the structure, they said.

Bill Hecht, a Stronach executive, said the company commissioned the engineering report after the Maryland Stadium Authority's December study concluded that Pimlico "had outlived its usefulness."

"We felt it was important to learn the implications of that," Hecht said. "At the beginning of this year, we hired an independent engineering firm to do a thorough assessment of the facility. We received those findings in late March and have been determining the best way to proceed since that time. Our decision to decommission the seats was made late last week."

He said the legislative session had nothing to do with the closure.

"This decision should in no way be interpreted as anything other than ensuring the safety of our guests and employees," Hecht said.

The company acted on the seat closure, he said, "so that people who have previously purchased grandstand tickets can make alternative arrangements."

Del. Sandy Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City) said the Old Grandstand's condition was a "relevant fact" that lawmakers should have been alerted to as debate over the funding bill continued after Stronach had received the findings.

"It is curious that this was made public after the legislative session," Rosenberg said. "Were 6,000 people put in harm's way by sitting in that grandstand before?"

A 2017 Maryland Stadium Authority report did flag the conditions. It also stated that the jockey club had conducted a review of the structure but that it did not release its findings.

"While the historic structure

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Del. Sandy Rosenberg,
(D-Baltimore City)

But the jockey club did not provide the structural analysis to the stadium authority team conducting the assessment.

"It is our understanding that the structure of all Grandstand/Clubhouse buildings are at maximum capacity," the stadium authority's report stated at the time.

In December, the stadium authority's report again raised concerns about Pimlico's overall conditions, but no city or state agency took action.

A stadium authority spokeswoman said the agency "has no ownership or operational responsibilities at Pimlico." And city building inspectors respond to complaints about possible violations of building codes and conduct inspections only when new permits are filed — including ones from the jockey club to build temporary structures during the Preakness, for which Pimlico hosted nearly 135,000 people last year.

Mike Hopkins, the executive director of the Maryland Racing Commission, said his agency "was not aware of any prior structural issues."

City, state and neighborhood representatives all said the condition of the Old Grandstand is evidence of how Stronach has favored the use of slots-funded state subsidies at Laurel Park. Over the past five years, the company has used 87 percent of \$45 million in track-renovation subsidies from the state on Laurel instead of Pimlico.

They worry that the move to

close the seats is the first step in trying to declare an emergency at the track that could allow the company to move all its operations to Laurel.

A Maryland law passed in 1987 requires that the Preakness — the second leg in horse racing's Triple Crown — can be moved from Pimlico "only as a result of a disaster or emergency." Stronach Group officials previously pledged to keep the Preakness at Pimlico through 2020. The 2019 race is planned for May 18.

As part of Baltimore's fight against Stronach's plan this year, Pugh filed a lawsuit against Stronach that states that the company's spending at Laurel "has accelerated the deterioration of Pimlico."

Marcus Pollock, executive director of Park Heights Renaissance, said his community organization that focuses on the neighborhoods near Pimlico was not surprised by the seat closure. Pollock said he expects more such announcements from the company.

"They're trying to kill it off by default," Pollock said. "Once they have an emergency they'll say, 'We have to take [the Preakness] to Laurel.' I wouldn't be surprised if the bathrooms stopped working" during the Preakness.

City Council member Brandon M. Scott said he finds "it hard to believe these conditions materialized so quickly a month before the race."

— Baltimore Sun

THE REGION

Delaware was hit Monday morning by strongest tornado since 2004

BY JASON SAMENOW

Before dawn Monday, in the dark of night, a powerful EF2 tornado tore a six-mile path through Sussex County, Del. The twister injured one person and seriously damaged more than a dozen buildings.

The National Weather Service said the tornado traveled from Laurel to Seaford, Del., touching down at 3:38 a.m. Monday and remaining on the ground for about seven minutes. Its size varied between 50 and 400 yards wide, and its winds peaked at 120 mph.

This part of rural southern Delaware is roughly midway between Bridgeville and Trap Pond State Park, close to routes many Washingtonians use to reach the Delaware beaches of Lewes, Rehoboth and Bethany.

"One barn was destroyed," the Weather Service report on the storm said. "A tree fell on a house, resulting in one injury. In addition, several other homes and

barns had roof damage. Many trees were uprooted along the tornado path, and a few were snapped."

The Laurel Fire Department reported multiple road closures

"It was a loud whistle and then like a roar, and it was terrible."

Kim McWilliams,
a resident of Laurel, Del.,
on what she heard early Monday
as a powerful tornado tore
the roof off her bedroom while
she was sleeping

in the area because of downed trees and power lines. Hundreds of homes and businesses were still without power, and some schools in Laurel closed for the day. Power had been restored to

hundreds of the thousands households that lost electricity.

Kim McWilliams of Laurel was sleeping when the roof was torn off her bedroom. "It was a loud whistle and then like a roar, and it was terrible," she told Philadelphia's CBS affiliate.

Tornadoes are rated on the Enhanced Fujita (EF) scale, ranging from 0 to 5 based on intensity. EF2 twisters, the rating given to the Delaware storm, pack winds of 111 to 135 mph. The last EF2 tornado to hit the state struck Sept. 28, 2004.

Monday's tornado was the first in Delaware since June 19, 2017. Since 1954, 63 twisters have touched down in the state, or an average of about one per year.

The tornado was generated by the powerful storm system that swept across the South over the weekend before slamming the East Coast. In all, the storm spawned more than 50 tornadoes from Texas to Pennsylvania, the biggest outbreak of 2019 so far.

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THE DISTRICT

Uber introduces Jump scooters, tweaks fees for its popular e-bikes

BY LUZ LAZO

Good news for scooter lovers.

Uber, which operates the electric-bike-sharing service Jump, is introducing electric scooters in the District — most likely adding a few hundred more scooters to a city where a handful of other companies already provide the service.

With the addition of scooters, Uber changed the usage fees for its popular Jump e-bikes, replacing it with a pricing structure that applies to both scooters and bikes. Riders now can unlock the bikes and scooters free and pay 15 cents per minute.

The cost to rent the Jump scooter is more competitive than other scooter services in the region, including Lyft, Bird, Lime, Spin and Skip. Those companies charge \$1 to start a trip and then a fee that ranges from 15 cents to 29 cents per minute.

But for the loyal Jump e-bike users, the new pricing structure may not be such a sweet deal.

Under the old pricing, users paid \$2 for the first 30 minutes, then 7 cents per minute after that. Anyone who timed their trip to last 30 minutes would now pay \$4.50 — more than double what they used to pay.

Uber officials say the new price structure will benefit riders who make short trips, noting that while the minimum fare was \$2 (up to 30 minutes), the minimum now will be 15 cents for a minute ride. To save or break even at \$2, a rider would need to complete a trip in less than 13 minutes.

That's unlikely, many Jump users say. They say they embraced the Jump e-bikes because they provide that extra power to go on longer trips and helped them replace commutes via car, Metro or bus.

Jump brought its e-bikes to the city in fall 2017 and almost immediately became one of the most popular private bike-sharing services. Uber acquired Jump a year ago.

By essentially doubling the

price of Jump bike trips, some users say, Uber may see declines in the usage of its bike fleet just as the company faces questions about the safety of its bikes. The company acknowledged Monday that it had modified some of its e-bikes recently after the company encountered a braking problem similar to the one that prompted rival Lyft to pull its electric bikes in several cities last weekend.

The new pricing structure, announced a day before it was introduced, caught many Jump users by surprise. At \$2 per 30-minute ride, some said, Jump was comparable to using Capital Bikeshare, the region's subsidized bike system that offers conventional bike rides for \$2 per 30-minute trip — or taking the bus, which costs \$2 a trip.

"I'd rather that you not increase the price of Jump bikes, a service I have enjoyed and relied on," Tucker Cholvin tweeted to Uber last week.

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MARYLAND

Man fatally shot, three wounded in parking lot of Germantown complex

BY MARTIN WEIL

A man was fatally shot and three other people were wounded Tuesday night in the Germantown area of Montgomery County, police said.

The shooting occurred shortly after 9 p.m. on Curry Powder Lane, according to Capt. Tom

Jordan, the county police spokesman.

Three men and a male youth were hit, Jordan said. One of the men died, he said.

None of the victims was identified by name, and the conditions of the three injured victims could not be immediately learned.

Jordan said investigators did not believe the gunfire was a random event, but he did not elaborate.

A resident of the area said the shooting occurred in the parking lot of a townhouse development.

She said she heard about eight shots, followed by screams. After the gunfire broke out, she said,

people ran in all directions.

OBITUARIES

DAVID BRION DAVIS, 92

Historian reshaped scholarship of slavery and abolition

BY HARRISON SMITH

David Brion Davis, a Pulitzer Prize-winning scholar whose three-volume chronicle of international slavery demonstrated its centrality to Western history, laying bare its political, economic and cultural impact through prose that was rich in detail and moral power, died April 14. He was 92.

His death was announced by Yale University, where he was a professor emeritus of American history and the founding director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition. The school did not say where or how he died.

That slavery is now seen as a defining thread of American history — the subject of great literature and art, as well as of a heated political debate over reparations in the 2020 Democratic primary — is in large part the achievement of Dr. Davis, who wrote more than a dozen books and scores of articles in a half-century career.

"No scholar has played a larger role in expanding contemporary understanding of how slavery shaped the history of the United States, the Americas and the world than David Brion Davis," the late slavery historian Ira Berlin once said.

In a phone interview, Eric Foner, a leading historian of the Civil War and Reconstruction, highlighted "the tremendous range and breadth" of Dr. Davis's research. "He covered centuries — millennia almost — of the history of slavery and anti-slavery thought," Foner said. "This enabled him to really put slavery at the center of the rise of the West, where previously historians more or less dealt with slavery as a kind of footnote to American or Western history. After Davis, you could not do that."

Dr. Davis traced his interest in slavery, and in racial discrimination more broadly, to an incident in 1945, when he was an 18-year-old infantryman sailing toward Germany aboard a segregated Army troopship. A superior handed him a billy club and ordered him belowdecks, where he was charged with keeping black soldiers from gambling.

"I had never dreamed there were any blacks on the ship," he later wrote. "But after descending a long winding staircase, I came upon what I imagined a slave ship would have looked like. Hundreds and hundreds of near-naked blacks jammed together, many of them shooting craps. After answering the question 'What you doin' down here, white boy?' I hid in the shadows for four hours until relieved of duty."

Dr. Davis went on to study at Dartmouth and Harvard in an era when most historians espoused the "moonlight and magnolias" myth, in which slavery was viewed as a paternalistic, mutually beneficial relationship between slaves and overseers. The Civil War was largely unrelated to



MICHAEL MARSLAND/YALE UNIVERSITY

David Brion Davis, who was presented the National Humanities Medal in 2014 by President Barack Obama for his works of history, considered teaching to be "the greatest joy" of his professional life. Many historians remembered him as a humble and helpful mentor.

slavery, most scholars said at the time, and the system was inefficient and marginal and would have ended on its own without a war.

By the late 1950s, Dr. Davis had joined historians such as Kenneth Stampp in helping to dismantle those views. Slavery, he demonstrated, was an economic engine no less productive or efficient than a 20th-century Detroit factory line. It was also a horror to enslaved Africans and marked a vexing paradox in American life.

"When teachers tell their students about the forming of a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," he wrote in one essay, "how many note that in 1775 the slavery of blacks was legal in all 13 colonies?"

Dr. Davis's principal scholarly work was the "Problems of Slavery" trilogy. The series included "The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture" (1966), which won the Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction over Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood"; "The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Revolution" (1975), which received a National Book Award and the Bancroft Prize for American history; and "The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Emancipation" (2014), which won a National Book Critics Circle Award.

His other major work, "Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World" (2006), was relatively concise but just as sweeping, hailed as a "tour de force of synthetic scholarship" in a New York Times review by Berlin.

Among historians, Dr. Davis seemed to garner as much respect for his mentorship as his books, teaching legions of students who included the esteemed historians Edward Ayers, Karen Halttunen, T.J. Jackson Lears, Amy Dru Stanley, Christine Stansell, John Stauffer and Sean Wilentz.



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"To a really extraordinary extent, David Brion Davis's students dominate the history profession," said one former pupil, University of Texas historian Steven Mintz. "David elicited a kind of fondness and affection and loyalty that one rarely sees. He was very humble and very modest and deeply involved."

"The development of maturity means a capacity to deal with truth. The more we recognize the limitations and failings of human beings, the more remarkable and even encouraging history can be."

— David Brion Davis

interested in ideas. He had a way of criticizing people's work that they only viewed as opening up new possibilities."

Indeed, Dr. Davis viewed his work as a mentor and teacher not as a secondary job in service of his scholarship, but as an essential duty, even a privilege. "Other

than the birth of my children," he told the Connecticut Post in 2014, "I would say that the greatest joy in my life has come from teaching."

David Brion Davis was born in Denver on Feb. 16, 1927. His mother, the former Martha Wirt, was an artist and writer of mystery stories; his father, Clyde Brion Davis, was a journalist and novelist. The family moved frequently, and Dr. Davis attended five high schools before being drafted into the Army and trained as an infantryman.

He was serving in the military police in occupied Germany when, in 1946, his interest in history blossomed. In the study of the past, he sensed, lurked an explanation — and perhaps a cure — for the discrimination he witnessed against black soldiers, and for the wreckage of cities that smelled of death."

"It strikes me that history, and proper methods of teaching it, are even more important at present than endocrinology and nuclear fission," he wrote in a letter to his parents. "I believe that the problems that surround us today are not to be blamed on individuals or even groups of individuals, but on the human race as a whole, its collective lack of perspective and knowledge of itself. That is where history comes in."

Dr. Davis studied at Dartmouth College on the G.I. Bill, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1950. He was working toward his

PhD at Harvard, nearing completion on a dissertation about homicide in American fiction, when he met Stampp, a visiting professor who was completing his influential book about slavery "The Peculiar Institution." Dr. Davis resolved "to do for the neglected subject of American antislavery what Stampp had done for slavery."

Broadening his interests from the abolition movement to slavery as a whole, he embarked on his "Problem" trilogy and also wrote books including "In the Image of God" (2001) and "Challenging the Boundaries of Slavery" (2006).

Dr. Davis received his doctorate in 1956 and taught at Cornell before joining Yale in 1970. He served as president of the Organization of American Historians, cultivated a long beard that earned him comparisons to philosopher William James, and retired from full-time teaching in 2001.

In 2014, President Barack Obama awarded him the National Humanities Medal. Dr. Davis, Obama said, "has shed light on the contradiction of a free nation built by forced labor, and his examinations of slavery and abolitionism drive us to keep making moral progress in our time."

His first marriage ended in divorce, and in 1971 he married Toni Hahn, later an associate dean at Yale Law School. She was Jewish, and Dr. Davis — long

nonreligious, but influenced by the Christian theologian Reinhold Niebuhr — converted, planning his bar mitzvah at the age of 80.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three children from his first marriage; two sons from his second marriage; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Although Dr. Davis spent much of his life studying one of the darkest chapters of human history, he eschewed cynicism, saying he believed that the study of the past could serve as a balm for the present.

"I have long believed that what most distinguishes us from all other animals is our ability to transcend an illusory sense of now, of an eternal present, and to strive for an understanding of the forces and events that made us what we are," he wrote in a 2005 article for American Heritage magazine.

"A frank and honest effort in classrooms to face up to the darkest side of our past, to understand the ways in which social evils evolve, should in no way lead to cynicism and despair or to a repudiation of our heritage," he added. "The development of maturity means a capacity to deal with truth. The more we recognize the limitations and failings of human beings, the more remarkable and even encouraging history can be."

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GEORGIA ENGEL, 70

Five-time Emmy nominee played Georgette on 'Mary Tyler Moore Show'

FROM STAFF REPORTS
AND NEWS SERVICES

Georgia Engel, an actress who played the charmingly innocent, small-voiced Georgette on the popular 1970s sitcom "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and amassed a string of other TV and stage credits, died April 12 in Princeton, N.J. She was 70.

The cause was unknown because she was a Christian Scientist and didn't see doctors, said her friend John Quilty.

Ms. Engel was best known for her role as Georgette on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," the character who was improbably destined to marry pompous anchorman Ted Baxter, played by Ted Knight.

Ms. Engel also had recurring roles on "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Hot in Cleveland." She was a five-time Emmy nominee, receiving two nods for the late Moore's show and three for "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Georgia Bright Engel was born in Washington on July 28, 1948, and studied dance with Mary Day, a co-founder of the Washington School of Ballet.

Her father was a Coast Guard officer, and the family lived on Governors Island in New York

City and Hawaii.

Ms. Engel studied theater at the University of Hawaii and, at 22, landed a supporting part in the long-running Broadway musical "Hello, Dolly!" She also made her screen debut in the 1971 film "Taking Off," which

"I was just supposed to have a few lines in a party scene, but they kept giving me more and more to do."

Georgia Engel,
on how she came to
have a prominent role on
"The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

proved fortuitous when one of the screenwriters, John Guare, asked her to appear in his latest play, "The House of Blue Leaves."

The play moved to Los Angeles, where Moore was enamored of Ms. Engel's performance. Months later, Ms. Engel was asked to play Georgette — a role reportedly written specifically for her — on "The Mary Tyler

Moore Show." "It was only going to be one episode," Ms. Engel told the Toronto Star, "and I was just supposed to have a few lines in a party scene, but they kept giving me more and more to do."

Her prolific career included guest appearances on series including "The Love Boat," "Fantasy Island," "Coach" and "Two and a Half Men."

Ms. Engel remained a regional theater stalwart and returned to Broadway for a 2002 revival of the Richard Rodgers-Lorenz Hart musical comedy "The Boys from Syracuse" and, most recently, as the silly Mrs. Tottendale in the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" in 2006-2007.

Survivors include two sisters. She reflected to the Star that her career was filled with as many flops as successes. "If you ever interview someone who hasn't had a down time," she said, "then you're talking to someone who just hasn't lived."

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Georgia Engel, left, with Mary Tyler Moore in 1992. Moore saw Ms. Engel in the play "The House of Blue Leaves" and was so enamored of her performance that Ms. Engel was asked months later to play Georgette on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" in a role reportedly written specifically for her.

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DEATH NOTICE**BATHRICK****ELENA BATHRICK**

Elena Angelica Bathrick Beigolea passed away on April 15, 2019, after battling cancer. She is survived by her loving husband David, her sons Derek and Ryan, and daughter-in-law Karla; grandchildren Karina and Ben, and siblings Willy, Manuel, and Carmen; her many nieces and nephews, along with great friends who supported her in her struggle with cancer for over five years.

Elena was born on April 30, 1948 in Lima, Peru to Guillermo Beigolea Pinto and Carmen Barrios de Beigolea. She married David Bathrick on October 11, 1970, in Lima, Peru and together with him, in his assignments with the United States Agency for International Development, raised their family in Bolivia, Nicaragua, Thailand, and Peru before settling in Northern Virginia 33 years ago.

Elena's family will miss her for her devotion to them, her loving and compassionate nature, her ability to solve all problems big and small, and for her sense of humor and targeted political commentary. All will remember her for being down to earth and adaptable, for always being there for others, and the incredible strength she demonstrated even in her final days.

A viewing will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA on Monday, April 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309 on Tuesday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m. until Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

COHEN**RITA SCHENKER COHEN**

Passed away on April 14, 2019, at the age of 27 after a long life dedicated to family and community. She will be deeply missed by her husband Arnold Cohen, her son Lee Ostroff, her sister Diane Soltod, and her many other family members and friends. May her dear memory be a blessing. Services will be held in Annapolis, MD on April 17, 2019.

COLEVAS**PROKOPES COLEVAS "Peter"**

Of Washington, DC on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Beloved husband of Patricia Keenan Colevas. Loving father of Gregory Speros Colevas, Alexander Dimitrios Colevas, and Eleni Colevas Shipe. Brother of Patra (Cleo) Hanganenole. Also survived by 11 grandchildren. Friends may call at DevVol Funeral Home, 2222 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007 (Complimentary Valet Parking) on Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral Service will be offered at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th Street, NW, Washington, DC on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery, 4111 Pennsylvania Ave., Sutland, MD 20746. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Salvation Army.

**CROSS****LARRY H. CROSS****April 24, 1951 – April 7, 2019**

Officers and members of Local 26, IBEW are hereby notified of the death of Retired Brother Larry H. Cross. Friends may call at Lee Funeral Home, 8200 Jennifer Lane, Owings Mills 21036, tel: 301-885-0888, where viewing will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Service from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

J.F. Dabbs, F.S.

FLYNN**MARY CLARE FLYNN**

On Friday, April 12, 2019, Mary Clare Flynn of Falls Church, VA died at home surrounded by family. Mary was the beloved wife of the late John P. Flynn; mother of Stephanie Najarian (Gabriel), Jack Flynn (Pamela), Marie Flynn, Michael Flynn (Rita), Patricia Townsend (Luther), Sue Flynn, Regina Gaudet (Scott), Mary Zellmann (Robert), Teresa Marcellino (Mauro) and Sheila Schmedes (Reiner). Visitation will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at MONEY AND KING FUNERAL HOME, Vienna, VA. Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., SE, Vienna, VA 22182. www.moneyandking.com

**GETER****DORITA LAURI GETER (Age 90)**

On Monday, April 8, 2019. Wife of the late William Geter. She is survived by her nieces, Surdell Geter-Robertson; other relatives and friends. Mrs. Geter may be viewed at Stewart Funeral Home, 4001 Benning Rd., NE on Friday, April 19 from 10 a.m. until funeral service at 11 a.m. Interment Harmony Memorial Park.

HARBOR**ROBERT NEAL HARBOR**

A resident of McLean, Virginia, passed away on April 9, 2019, at age 87. Robert "Bob" was born on July 13, 1931, in Tremont, Mississippi, to Robert and Winona Harbor. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1953. Bob worked for El Paso Natural Gas Company for his entire career, retiring in 1992 as Vice President of Government Relations. Robert was a member of Congressional Country Club and a former Commander of American Legion Post No. 18.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Betty, and also by his son, Nelson, his daughter, Betty Lynn (Dave), and two adored granddaughters, Brooke and Paige. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Jo Reed. He is also survived by Frank Harbor, Hazel Harbor (Devon), Helen Ainsworth, and David Harbor (Jan).

A memorial service will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in McLean on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 11 a.m. Friends are welcome to come and celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Palmer Home for Children, P.O. Box 746, Columbus, MS 39703.

DEATH NOTICE**HARRISON**

JEAN SZY HARRISON
Jean passed away April 1, 2019, at her home in Alexandria, VA, after losing her battle with cancer. Born September 2, 1914 in Pennsylvania, she moved to Virginia in the 1960's. There, she met and married Ned Harrison, her husband of over 40 years, who preceded her in death. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother; she is survived by her daughter, Wendy; her son, Allen; and granddaughter, Grace. Services will be announced at a later date.

HAUPRICH**DALE ROBERT HAUPRICH (Age 62)**

On Sunday, April 14, 2019, of Silver Spring, MD. Cherished husband of Kate Hauprich, beloved father of Jenny and Michelle Hauprich, son of the late Bob and Paula Hauprich, brother of Don (Anne) Hauprich, uncle of Kelly (Justin) Fainter and Katrina Hauprich, and great-uncle of Eleanor Fainter. Also survived by mother-in-law Kass Ahlers, brothers-in-law Clarke (Chris) Ahlers and Mike (Lynn) Ahlers, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Relatives and friends may call at PUMPHREY'S COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Montgomery Ave. (Route 28 just off I-270, exit 6-A) Rockville, MD on Monday, April 22, 2019 from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Mary Catholic Church, 520 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com

HOMICK**WILLIAM H. HOMICK**

Of Rockville, MD, on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Beloved husband of 59 years of Roberta Homick; loving father of David, Joseph and Michael Homick, and Gloria Laird. Mr. Homick is also survived by seven grandsons and five granddaughters. The family will receive friends at PUMPHREY'S COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Montgomery Ave. (Route 28 just off I-270, exit 6-A) Rockville, MD on Monday, April 22, 2019 from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Mary Catholic Church, 520 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com

LAMPERTI**CAMILLE LOUISE LAMPERTI (Age 86)**

Passed away on April 15, 2019 after a brief illness. She was devoted wife to Paul Lamperti, who preceded her in death 10 years ago. She missed him every day.

She loved playing Bingo and taking trips with friends to the casino. She traveled often with her husband, visiting Italy several times, as well as Malta, and Sicily.

She was a long-time fixture in her neighborhood and enjoyed her neighbors. They were very kind to her and watched out for her, especially when she was disabled.

She is survived by two daughters, Deborah Lamperti and Suzanne Lamperti; and four grandchildren, Benjamin Higgs, Norman Higgs, Nicole Parrotte, and Kevin Parrotte.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Damascus, MD at a future date. Burial will be on Tuesday, April 23 at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery in Yonkers, New York. Instead of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of Frederick County, Kline Hospice House.

Arrangements with Stauffer Funeral Home, Mt. Airy. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.staufferfuneralhome.com

LESSELS**DAVID JOHN LESSELS**

Born on April 3, 2019 in Concord, New Hampshire, to the late Marjorie B. (Hammond) and Clarence Lessells, passed away at age 90 on March 6, 2019 in St. Petersburg, FL. David graduated from Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, and Suffolk University Law School. He served in the Army from 1952 to 1954.

The Boston area, David worked at Scovell, Wellington & Co. as a mutual fund manager. He took a position as an accountant at Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery and was a member of the team that took Digital Equipment public. After moving back to New Hampshire in 1973, David was named finance director for the New Hampshire Public Utility Commission. He stirred controversy by producing an independent report calling the demand forecasts for building Seabrook Nuclear Power Station overly optimistic. His report predicted financial problems for the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, which eventually filed for bankruptcy.

His outspokenness made staying in New Hampshire difficult, so he moved to the Washington, DC area to work as an economist for the Republican National Administration, from which he retired in 1990. Upon retirement, he moved to St. Petersburg, Florida for the warm beaches and pleasant weather, making that area his home until his death.

David was married to and divorced from Barbara Lee Ripley, Anne C. Flemming (deceased), Sandie Lee Tisdale Selbert and Meribeth M. Simpson (deceased). He was preceded in death by his brother, Norval D. Lessells, and sisters, Marjorie L. Lessells and Margaret L. Guillette. David is survived by his sons Jeffrey M. Lessells, Bruce D. Lessells and Peter J. Lessells; daughter Sarah L. Hsieh and their spouses; brother Robert B. Lessells; sister-in-law Jane Lessells (Norval); six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family members are welcome to attend the memorial service on Friday, May 3 at 3 p.m. The service will be held at South Church, 37 Pleasant St., Concord NH. www.southchurchconcord.org/

His remains will be interred at Maple Street Cemetery, Adams, MA, on April 20 at 11 a.m. Please see the obituary at www.DavidC.Gross.com for more details. The David C. Gross Funeral Home (FL) and Paciorek Funeral Home (MA) are handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in David's honor, to Florida's Democratic Party, or the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 17th Ave. S, Gulfport, FL 33707.

LITTLE**JOYCE SAUNDERS LITTLE**

Entered into eternal rest on Sunday, April 7, 2019. She is survived by two daughters, Lauren Bailey and Carmen Bailey and a host of cousins other relatives and friends. Visitation for Ms. Little at Stewart Funeral Home, 4001 Benning Rd., NE on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

MANFREDA**RICHARD H. MANFREDA (Age 77)**

On Friday, April 12, 2019 of Chevy Chase, MD. Beloved husband of Catherine "Betty" Manfreda; loving father of Marybeth Manfreda; Mark Manfreda (wife, Amanda) and John Manfreda; devoted grandfather of Madeline and John and David Manfreda; devoted friend of John Aravans. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Friends will be received at PUMPHREY'S BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE FUNERAL HOME, 7557 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD on Monday, April 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 5949 Western Ave., NW, Washington, DC on Tuesday, April 23 at 11 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flower, memorial contributions may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 4200 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC 20007. Please view and sign the family's guestbook at www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com

WARREN ADLER**'War of the Roses' Author, Dies at 91**

Novelist Warren Adler, 91, passed away on April 15, 2019 of complications from liver cancer. He was the author of more than 50 novels including the iconic War of the Roses, which became synonymous with the description of a bad divorce; ironically he was happily married to his wife Sonia for more than 67 years.

His other major works include Random Hearts (later a film starring Harrison Ford and Kristen Scott Thomas), The Sunset Gang (adapted into a musical starring Jerry Stiller, Bea Arthur, Harold Gould and Doris Roberts), Children of the Roses, Torture-Man, Serpent's Bile, Flanigan's Dolls, Mourning Glory, Private Lies, Funny Boys, Madeline's Miracles, Trans-Siberian Express and his Fiona Fitzgerald mystery series.

Adler's themes stress intimate human love and attraction, the fragile relationships between husbands and wives, and parents and children, the corrupting power of money, the aging process, and how families cling together when challenged by the outside world.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Visiting Nurse Service of New York www.vnsny.org/donate.

He continued to work until his death, with several new projects in the works, including

DEATH NOTICE**MARVIN**

ELIZABETH WHEATER MARVIN (Age 94)
On Monday, April 15, 2019, of Columbia, MD, formerly of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Dr. John G. Marvin; mother of Caroline Marvin, Elizabeth West Marvin (Glenn West), Martha J. Marvin, Alice M. Heidel (Charles F. Heidel); sister of the late Frances W. Phillips. Also survived by thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at Vantage House, 5409 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, MD 21044, on Thursday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Monrovia Cemetery, Monrovia, PA, on Friday, May 3, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Monrovia Bible Conference, 210 Locust Street, Monrovia, PA 18801.

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THE WEATHER

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Cloudy, with a chance of rain

The typical roller coaster of springtime weather continues. Clouds dominate with wind from the east. There could be raindrops, as well, especially midday. Highs range from near 60 to the mid-60s but could get stuck on the low end if we see total cloud cover and showers. In the evening, expect partly to mostly cloudy skies as temperatures ease back into the 50s. Winds are light from the southeast.

Today

Mostly cloudy



69° 55°

FEELS*: 68°

CHANCE PRECIP: 40%

WIND: ENE 6-12 mph

HUMIDITY: Moderate

Thursday

Partly sunny



81° 66°

FEELS: 80°

P: 5%

W: S 7-14 mph

H: Moderate

Friday

Heavy rain, t-storm



77° 61°

FEELS: 74°

P: 75%

W: S 12-25 mph

H: Moderate

Saturday

A.M. shower



67° 50°

FEELS: 66°

P: 55%

W: S 10-20 mph

H: Low

Sunday

Showers



70° 55°

FEELS: 69°

P: 60%

W: WSW 7-14 mph

H: Low

Monday

Mostly sunny, warmer



80° 61°

FEELS: 82°

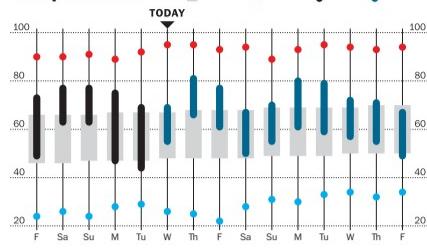
P: 15%

W: SW 6-12 mph

H: Moderate

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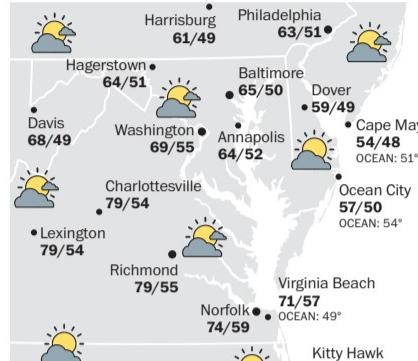
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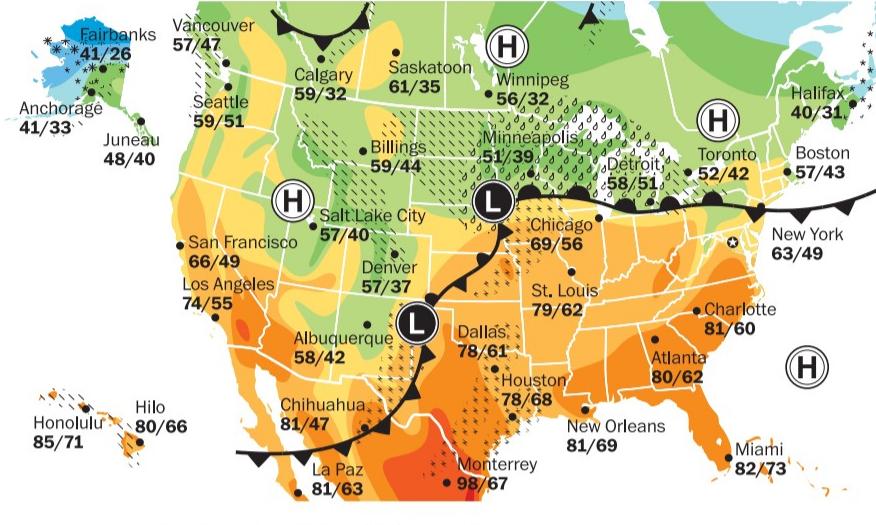
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Susan Choi, too cool to follow the lesson plan

BY RON CHARLES

One lurks in every high school: a charismatic teacher who cultivates a clique of acolytes. Miss Jean Brodie aside, this teacher is typically a man in his prime, parcelling out the precious gift of his intimacy to a select group. No matter how many years have passed, you can probably still recall his name at your own school: the droll iconoclast who always seemed at odds

with the administration, the cool teacher who made thrillingly inappropriate asides. Amid rumors of some past glory, he radiated an air of long-suffering superiority, as though his willingness to teach mere high school students were another example of his largesse.

In fact, as you realize later, he could thrive nowhere else but in that moist terrarium of adolescent desire. He was a vampire thirsty for the fervor of teenage boys and girls.

That immortal figure rises up at the center of Susan Choi's "Trust Exercise," the latest of her startling novels about academic life. Mr. Kingsley is a theater teacher at Citywide Academy for the Performing Arts, an elite institution "intended to cream off the most talented" students and prepare them for "their exceptional lives." Mr. Kingsley is exotic by the standards of this unnamed Southern town in the early 1980s. He once lived in New York! He refers to Broadway star Joel Grey as *Joel!* He owns a "bizarre human-size doll that was supposed to be called a 'soft sculpture.'" To the theater students desperate for his attention, "Mr. Kingsley was impossibly witty and sometimes impossibly cutting; the prospect of talking with him was terrifying and galvanizing; one longed to live up to his brilliance and equally feared that it couldn't be done."

This is the most precise skewering of a magnetic teacher since Muriel Spark's 1961 classic. Choi's voice blends an adolescent's awe with an adult's irony. It's a letter-perfect satire of the special strain of egotism and obsession that can fester in academic settings. Choi is particularly attentive to Mr. Kingsley's inane maxims, which

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CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK

And Paris will always have Notre Dame

BY PHILIP KENNICOTT

Every cathedral, like any great stone building, is a work in progress. No sooner have the walls risen than they start to collapse, the weight of stone pushing down and splaying out, settling and cracking. Take a closer look at most great old churches, and you see huge pillars wrapped in metal, iron reinforcing bars embedded in the walls, arches pulled together at their base with metal rods. If you took an X-ray of the buildings, they would look a bit like the mouth of someone who has had a lot of dental work — a messy confusion of interventions, repairs and misguided improvements.

It looks as if the structure of Notre Dame, in Paris, is mostly intact, despite the fire that consumed the roof above its stone vaults and brought down its 19th-century wood and metal spire. Much of the art was saved, some of it placed in storage before renovations, and other pieces were removed before the fire could destroy them. Early photographs and descriptions of the damage seem to indicate that part of the ribbed ceiling structure has collapsed, and it will take time to determine

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TOP: One saving grace was that statues of biblical figures had been removed from Notre Dame's spire for restoration, sparing them from damage in the fire. ABOVE: The cathedral in 1967.

MUSIC REVIEW

Brazil is changing. Caetano Veloso is forever.

BY CHRIS RICHARDS

When Caetano Veloso sings, it sounds more powerful than reality, but he knows it's real. For all of the whimsy, beatitude and hallucinogenic sensuality in his music, the colossal Brazilian songwriter has always been an artful pragmatist, a devout atheist and an unwavering skeptic of the hippie-dipped mysticism that fogged the dawn of his recording career way back in 1967. It's made him unsolvable and eternal. We'll never be able to touch the music falling from Veloso's lips, but we can still believe in it.

Now, Veloso is 76 years old, which puts him more than 50 years past the invention of tropicália, a worldly dialect of pop that, once upon a time, opposed Brazil's brutal military dictatorship with style and courage. In Veloso's poetic 1997 memoir, "Tropical Truth," he describes tropicália as a music "made of happenstance and misunder-



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Brazilian guitarist Caetano Veloso, center, performs with his sons Zeca, left, and Moreno at the Music Center at Strathmore.

standings" designed to "destroy the Brazil of the nationalists." And with that specific goal in mind, Veloso and his fellow tropicálistas absorbed influences from near and far — the proud sophistication of bossa nova, the melodic idealism of the Beatles, the clever cool of Andy Warhol and more.

But if there's a central life force residing in the heart of tropicália — then, now or tomorrow — it's the music's radical, radiant optimism. For Veloso, making music in the late '60s was "the right to imagine an ambitious intervention in the future of the world, a right that immediately begins to be lived as duty."

And the future is here (at least for now). Brazil has elected a far-right president and Veloso is touring the planet again, accompanied by his sons, Moreno, Zeca and Tom, three young vocalists who have clearly inherited their father's sly, devastating tender-

SEE MUSIC ON C2

For moms on the Hill, it's not just table talk

BY CAITLIN GIBSON

How are your kids doing?

It isn't the question itself that bothers Katie Porter. The freshman Democratic congresswoman from California, a single mom of three children, is perfectly aware that inquiring about another person's family is just polite small talk.

But there's something about the way some people ask her, the subtle emphasis on that last word — "how are your kids *doing*?" — that makes her bristle.

"As if they're suffering," Porter said. Her colleagues surrounding her in the stately room at the Library of Congress nodded knowingly. "As if they're not thriving and doing great."

The nine women who had gathered for an early breakfast on a recent morning — fellow mothers and members of the House of Representatives, joined by FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel — could tell variations of this same story, about the myriad moments when they felt questioned or judged for living publicly as mothers who hold particularly high-profile jobs.

For Rosenworcel, who was invited to talk about her experience as a working mom and the only female FCC commissioner, a defining encounter occurred during a business negotiation years ago, when a man said to her: "It must be so hard for you to do this job as a mom." (She was so infuriated, she said, "I got everything I wanted out of that negotiation, and then some.")

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) recalled a male colleague's obvious discomfort when she once nursed her infant daughter in her congressional office: "Because, yeah, she had to eat," she said. The women in the room answered with a chorus of murmured affirmation.

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Former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, left, in 1992, met Carly Simon, pictured in 2016, at a Martha's Vineyard party.

Carly Simon writing memoir about 'mischievous' good friend Jackie O.

Carly Simon, the 1970s rocker best known for her hit "You're So Vain," is writing a memoir about a surprising friendship she had with another very famous woman: former first lady **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**.

The "intimate, vulnerable" memoir was announced Monday by publisher Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Simon will detail "the bond that grew between two iconic and starkly different

American women," according to the book's publisher.

"She arrived when I least expected to make a new friend and she stayed up until the time of her death," Simon said in a statement.

The singer and Jackie O. met at a summer party on Martha's Vineyard, an encounter that led to an "improbable, but lasting friendship." Simon, 73, described Onassis, who died in 1994 at age 64, as both a "protective mother

figure" and "mischievous pal." Onassis, who worked as a book editor in New York, also edited Simon's children's books published in the '80s and '90s.

The new memoir, titled "Touched by the Sun" after a famous Simon song, is scheduled to hit shelves on Oct. 22. In that song, released the same year Onassis died, Simon sings the lyrics: "I've got to learn from the greats / Earn my right to be living."

LOVE, ETC.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Barbara Bush says 'I do' – again



Newlyweds Barbara Bush and Craig Coyne greet visitors as her grandfather lies in state at the Capitol in December.

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Barbara Pierce Bush just got married. Again.

The daughter of former president **George W. Bush** said "I do" for the second time in a rustic wedding in Crawford, Tex., over the weekend, according to Page Six. Barbara Bush and husband **Craig Coyne** previously wed in an intimate, family-only ceremony in October in Kennebunkport, Maine, five weeks after getting engaged so that her grandfather, **George H.W. Bush**, could attend. He died a few weeks later at age 94.

For their second go at the altar, reportedly held at Prairie Chapel Ranch, the family's compound, the couple expanded their guest list from approximately 20 to more than 100 people, including

fashion designer **Prabal Gurung**. Based on photos shared to Instagram, Bush, 37, wore an embroidered corset bodice with a fringe skirt to her rehearsal dinner, which appeared to have a Western-inspired casual barbecue theme, complete with white folding chairs and red-and-white checkered tablecloths.

No word yet on what the bride wore to the ceremony, which, according to the Daily Mail, was followed by a rustic tent reception on the grounds adorned with wooden chairs and hanging greenery.

Bush sported a sleek, spaghetti strap, ivory, silk crepe gown by **Vera Wang** for her first walk down the aisle.

— Sarah Polus

" We come from a broken family, we are a little unsettled. Sometimes you spend the weekend with divorced dad. That feels like fun but then you get sick. That is what America is going through. We are living with divorced dad."

— Former first lady **Michelle Obama** on America's relationship with **President Trump**. Mrs. O offered up that bleak assessment of U.S. politics while appearing onstage Sunday with talk-show host **Stephen Colbert** during the London stop of her ongoing "Becoming" book tour.



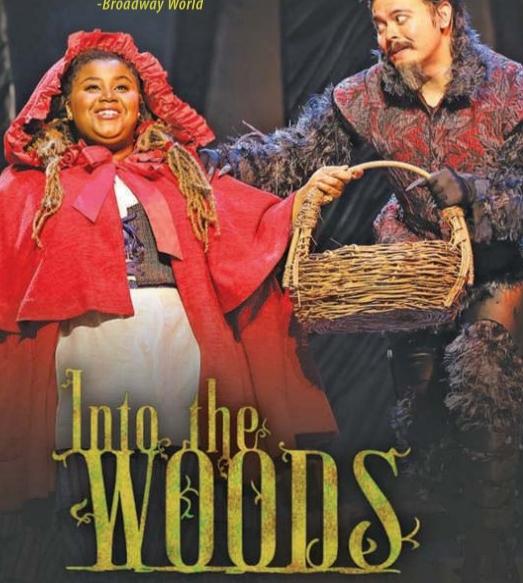
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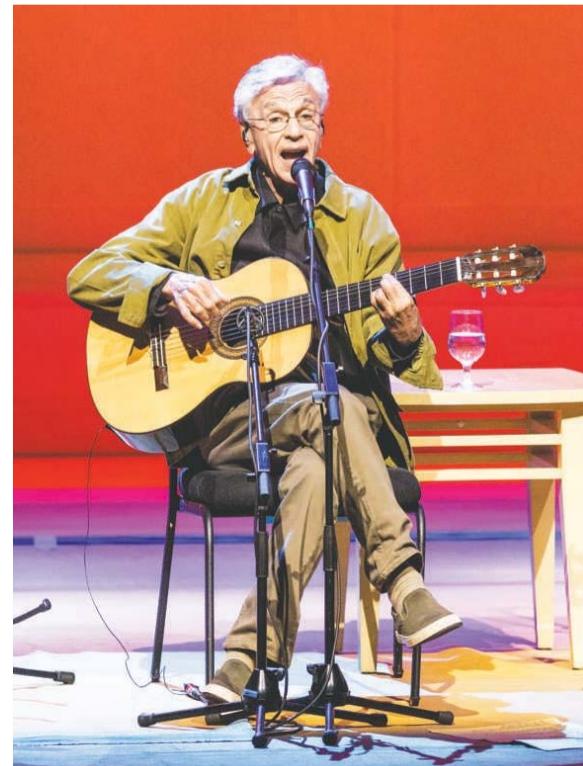
Veloso gets able accompaniment from his sons

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ness. Performing at the Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, Md., on Monday evening, the smiling patriarch described the concert as a "celebration of reproduction" — a good joke that could also be applied to the eternal springiness of hope itself.

Veloso knows plenty about propagating optimism in heavy times. Tropicalia was in full bloom in December 1969 when Veloso and his songwriting comrade, Gilberto Gil, were arrested without explanation, imprisoned for months, later put on house arrest and eventually exiled to London. They returned a few years later as national heroes, but the trauma cemented Veloso's commitment to a democratic Brazil — a vow he renewed in an October op-ed he penned for the New York Times on the eve of Jair Bolsonaro's election: "I was forced into exile once. It won't happen again. I want my music, my presence, to be a permanent resistance to whatever anti-democratic feature may come out of a probable Bolsonaro government."

Politics weren't mentioned explicitly during Monday night's concert, but if Veloso's long-term proposition involves waving off the iron fist of authoritarianism with harmonies of every color, he was obviously carrying out his life's work onstage, filling the air with shimmering pleasure, and a latent suggestion of dread, too. All the brightness in the room



At Strathmore on Monday, Brazilian guitarist Caetano Veloso's songs were astonishingly distinct yet inexplicably vague.

meant it was very dark outside.

The show began with two flashes — one tune famously recorded before Veloso's exile and

and a seemingly bottomless voluptuousness. After that, "O Seu Amor," a song penned by Gil that allowed father and sons to sing in telepathic, trapezoidal harmony — as if some impossible nanobreeze were suddenly swaying their DNA strands in perfect parallel.

From that point forward, everything felt astonishingly distinct, yet inexplicably vague. How could singing this pure, this concerted, this immediate still carry so much ambiguity?

When the quartet's melodies slanted toward the solemn (during "Ofertório," an ode written for Caetano's mother on her 90th birthday), the Velosos seemed to be mourning a future that may never arrive. When they floated into more high-hearted spaces (during "O Leãozinho," one of the greatest lullabies in the family songbook — or any songbook), you could see the four of them squinting off into utopia. Listening in both directions was almost enough to take you outside yourself. But only almost. This was happening.

Perhaps to prove it, Caetano leaped up from his chair late in the program and moved toward the edge of the stage, eager to shake out his limbs. He had just spent the past hour or so levitating through all of that lush genetic harmony, wise and weightless. Now he was dancing to the music of his children — feet still touching the ground, stepping into a future that can still be changed.

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Notre Dame will rise again, but it's uncertain exactly what form it will take

NOTEBOOK FROM C1

how much of what remains is structurally sound. Fire may not burn rock like it burns timber (though limestone is susceptible), but heat and water can ruin the integrity of stone.

But the shock of the fire is still extraordinary, felt throughout not just France but also the world. Notre Dame stands at the heart of Paris, has led a long, rich life in the literature and imagination of France and is one of the most beautiful Gothic structures on the planet. It soars above a city that has an embarrassment of architectural riches, and it never ceases to draw the eye, by day and night, registering changes in the weather and the seasons with subtle changes of color and shadow.

History, however, tells us these things are all too common, even as modern media saturation makes it seem somehow unprecedented. Flip through the pages of any tourist guide to an old castle, church or palace, and there is often a litany of fires, floods, revolutions and occasional bouts of revolution and iconoclasm. The prison of the Bastille, in Paris, was pulled down in the 18th century in the name of liberty, while much of the medieval city was plowed under in the 19th century in the name of progress.

Building large stone churches has always been an art and a science, and it sometimes meant trial and error. The first dome at the greatest church of all — Hagia Sophia in Istanbul — collapsed before the miraculously thin saucer we see today was successfully completed. These tribulations are soon forgotten, and even today, most visitors who contemplate the massive supports added to Justinian's church consider them beautiful architectural curiosities.

Like Hagia Sophia, St. Paul's in London was built on the ruins of an older structure. The great 1666 fire that ravaged much of London destroyed the old St. Paul's and almost 90 other churches. That destruction gave the architect Christopher Wren his moment, not just to remake the city's greatest church but also to connect the city's irrational streets with a web of smaller, jewel-like places of worship that define their districts and neighborhoods to this day. In the mid-16th century, two fires ravaged the interiors of the Doge's Palace in Venice, offering artists a chance to work on an epic scale, redecorating its palatial rooms, and vying for dramatic and narrative preeminence.

Creative Destruction is an ugly idea, hijacked by greedy and ambitious people to justify an oppression that is anything but creative. But most cathedrals exemplify the idea of continual evolution and renewal; they are sturdy, vulnerable, fragile and resilient, and it is social architecture that keeps them standing, not piers, arches or buttresses.

I heard about the fire that hit Notre Dame while driving from Ferrara to Siena, in Italy, where great churches have been remade so many times that they often look like a patchwork of architectural non sequiturs. The exterior of the Duomo in Ferrara is a magnificent jumble of ideas, and additions, while the facade of the cathedral in Siena is as clear as a theological road map, even if the brightly colored mosaics in the gables are 19th-century work. In Ferrara, you can almost imagine why a Renaissance architect might say, "Tear it all down and start over." In Siena, the thought of modernization feels like blasphemy. Yet both churches are ex-



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quisite.

Notre Dame was also partly a 19th-century fantasy, its famous spire added by the architect (and fabulist) Eugène Viollet-le-Duc to replace one that had been removed in the late 18th century. Critics in the 19th century rediscovered the beauty of the Gothic style, while imaging it to be something immutable and fixed, like a poem in stone — and they weren't averse to improving the poem if

its fantasy of the past wasn't quite what they were hoping for. Paris lived with Viollet-le-Duc's spire for so long that the city will now have to decide which cathedral it wants back — the one that existed in the age of Revolution and Napoleon, or the one that most people know from postcards. The real Notre Dame, the authentic Notre Dame, isn't an option, because it never existed.

In other cultures, sacred sites



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The restoration of Notre Dame will take years; Doge's Palace, right, next to St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, was ravaged by fires in the 16th century; the first dome of the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul collapsed, and architects eventually came up with the design for its current dome.

are often sacred not because of what is built there but because of the persistence of religious devotion. The site is holy, not the thing. A temple may be dismantled and rebuilt, but what matters is the behavior of particular people at that particular place. There is more of that in Western notions of the sacred than we're likely to acknowledge. Great churches are built on the site of previous great churches, which were built on foundations of pagan temples.

Tourism, in some ways, contains a vestige of that kind of thinking. People still visit and snap pictures of the brick campanile in Venice, which fell down in 1902 and was rebuilt. Tourists flock to places just to say they have been there, and the effort of the journey is often just as impor-

tant as the authenticity of the object. No tourist will forsake Notre Dame because it has a new roof.

None of this is to minimize the losses at Notre Dame. It will take years to remake the building, and much of what was inside will never be restored. But the great cathedrals of Europe took centuries to build, have been crumbling for even longer and will continue to be made and remade.

Innumerable lives have been lived out in the shadow of buildings that are half-finished, or missing their towers, or in great disrepair. And now the cycle begins again in Paris, where people will argue over every detail and fret about who pays for what and whether they should rebuild a Disney fantasy of the past or make it all

anew, for a new age. Some daring heretics will even suggest, perhaps, that the building should remain as it is, newly reconfigured for a secular age, like the melted bells in St. Mary's of Luebeck, Germany, which fell to the ground during the bombing of 1942 and remain on the floor as a memorial to the losses of war.

Meanwhile, the roof will rise again, and in a century some bored teenagers will stand in the plaza before the great Gothic doors and listen as their teacher recounts the great fire of 2019, just one chapter among all the others, and seemingly inconsequential given the beauty of the building as it stands glowing in a rare burst of sunlight on a spring day in Paris.

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THEATER REVIEW

James Baldwin-Richard Wright flap goes hip-hop in Mosaic's 'Les Deux Noirs'

BY NELSON PRESSLEY

The Richard Wright-James Baldwin showdown "Les Deux Noirs" briefly becomes "Les Quatre" in the frisky, flippant new show at Mosaic Theater. Wright takes on a Jay-Z persona and Baldwin is Kanye West as the Jay-Z/Kanye West song "Niggas in Paris" gets the music video treatment, complete with choreography and projections. No telling where playwright Psalmayene 24 might swerve after that irreverent, heady start to his 70-minute power play between mid-20th-century titans of black American culture.

You can't say Psalmayene 24 is jumping on the hip-hop bandwagon of "Hamilton"; he's been doing this for at least 20 years, since he performed his "The Hip-Hop Nightmares of Jujube Brown" at Arena Stage. The new drama's full title is "Les Deux Noirs: Notes on Notes of a Native



From left, actors James J. Johnson, RJ Pavel and Jeremy Hunter in "Les Deux Noirs" at Mosaic Theater.

Son," and it's based on a 1953 meeting in Paris between Wright and Baldwin. The beef was the upstart Baldwin's critique of Wright's 1940 novel, "Native Son," a groundbreaking book that's still troubling in its representation of Bigger Thomas's violent reaction to an oppressive society.

Mosaic relishes programming mash-ups, and "Les Deux Noirs" is in rep with Nambi E. Kelley's

"Native Son" adaptation, directed by Psalmayene 24, which injects a second character to illustrate Bigger's nagging double consciousness (Kelley's invocation of W.E.B. Du Bois is deliberate). For extra measure, there's even a new HBO film of "Native Son," updated and substantially adapted by Pulitzer winner Suzan-Lori Parks — and in that complicated key, RJ Pavel and Musa Gurnis are terrific as the solicitous maître d' and waitress (both white) with creamy French accents and lusty eyes.

The waters are deep, yet Psalmayene 24's script surfs and splashes entertainingly. James J. Johnson is natty and composed as Wright, his brown suit and tie a sharp contrast to the open-collar, no-socks look sported by Jeremy Hunter's mischievous Baldwin.

Johnson and Hunter are catty together, pretentiously dripping insults in the famed literary spat, and they go with the flow as Psalmayene 24 gets them jumping onto cafe tables for hip-hop

interludes. Director Raymond O. Caldwell sets a tone that allows for everything from food fights to a startling photo montage of black power and painful stereotypes zooming across the 20th century.

The show is a fantasia that isn't entirely sure of itself yet. Sexuality rears its head — Baldwin was gay, Wright married two white women — and in that complicated key, RJ Pavel and Musa Gurnis are terrific as the solicitous maître d' and waitress (both white) with creamy French accents and lusty eyes. The chats and the action never feel remote — lessons on the n-word, a great joke about reparations — even if the show is still seeking the thread that will pull it all tight.

The brand-new script was a midseason substitution rushed to fill a gap, but for Mosaic it's a fine roll of the dice. It amplifies the admiration and discontent Kelley expresses in her "Native Son," and the ending seems to anticipate

what came later from writers such as Amiri Baraka. The theatrical frame is lively, and the two main roles are good, with every chance of getting better if the script evolves. Hunter may seem to steal scenes as the relentlessly performative Baldwin, practically singing his vowels and making dramatic faces, but Johnson's Wright has a coiled presence that commands attention. It's a fair fight that you hope will go deeper than this promising first round.

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Les Deux Noirs: Notes on Notes of a Native Son, by Psalmayene 24.

Directed by Raymond O. Caldwell. Set, Ethan Sinnott; lights, William K. D'Eugenio; costumes, Amy MacDonald; projections, Brandi Martin; sound, Nick Hernandez; choreography, Tiffany Quinn. About 70 minutes. Through April 27 at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. \$20-\$65. 202-399-7993. mosaictheater.org.

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The Tradition'

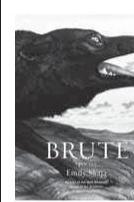
In his searing "The Tradition" (Copper Canyon), Jericho Brown illustrates how racism and violence have shaped both the past and the present, our national identity and the individual experiences of those who have been harmed by entrenched, insidious wrongs.



As Brown confronts history and family dynamics, the fears and beliefs handed down through generations, he raises important questions about trauma and how people endure when injustice touches nearly every aspect of life. He also challenges stereotypes about blackness, desire and queerness — and finds moments of joy. The collection, his third, is compelling and forceful because it wonderfully balances the dark demands of memory and an indomitable strength. As the poem "Duplex" notes: "None of the beaten end up how we began./ A poem is a gesture toward home."

'Brute'

Emily Skaja also faces down the past in her debut "Brute" (Graywolf), winner of the 2018 Walt Whitman Award from the Academy of American Poets. Here, the anguish comes from an emotionally abusive lover and the abrupt end of a relationship.



As the speaker excavates her grief and disbelief, she slowly moves from self-condemnation to a fiery insistence that she can overcome her boyfriend's damaging assessments of her worth and reclaim the power she once had. In the poem "Brute Strength," for example, she initially describes herself as a "soldier for a lost cause, brute, mute woman/written out of my own story." Several lines later, though, she draws strength from a recollection of her younger self, a "witch girl/ unafraid of anything." The speaker's brutal honesty and emotional transformation offer an engrossing guide for anyone dealing with a devastating loss.

The Year of the Blue Water'

"The Year of Blue Water" (Yale) by Yanyi examines the dichotomy between the self he knows and the one his family and society expected of him. Early in this quietly contemplative debut, winner of the 2018 Yale Series of Younger Poets, Yanyi considers the possibilities of a new year and explains:



"Definitions are not static. They are where we begin. For what?/ By whom? Beginning is not an origin. It is the arbitrary place/ from which we start one life, when *that becomes this*." As the work — almost entirely comprising prose poems — unfolds, the speaker explores various aspects of his identity, including gender and queerness, mental illness and his experience as a Chinese immigrant.

Supportive friends, vivid dreams and the work of other writers enrich his thinking and help him choose what's right for him, despite what others may want or believe.

The Tiny Journalist'

Naomi Shihab Nye presents some of her best work in years in "The Tiny Journalist" (BOA). The collection opens with a powerful poem about Janna Jihad Ayad, a Palestinian girl who began using her mother's cellphone at the age of 7 to record anti-occupation protests on the West Bank after two members of her family were killed. Nye writes in Janna's voice in



many poems, drawing on material from Janna's Facebook posts.

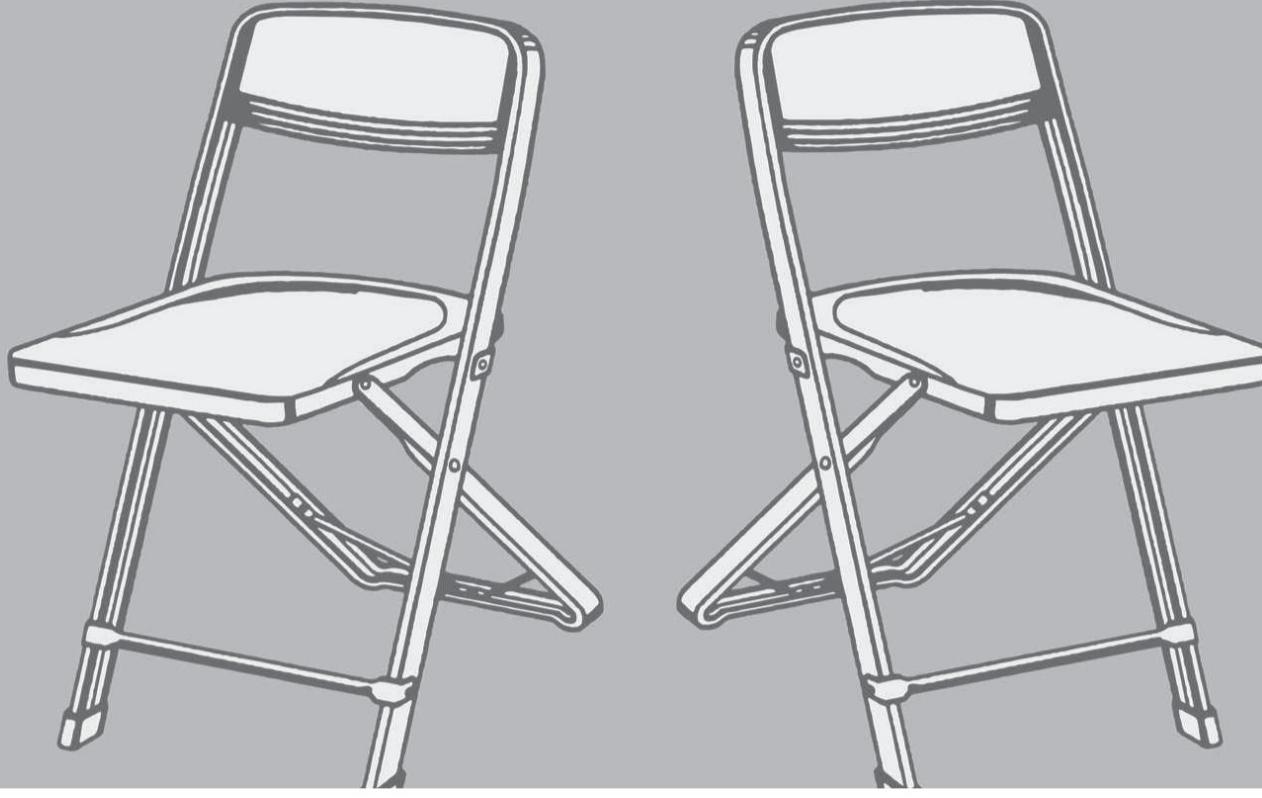
The poet also recalls her own experience of living between Jerusalem and Ramallah as a teenager. The result is a moving testament to the impact one person can have and the devastating effects of occupation. Even the moon is grieved by the situation, as these lines from "Moon Over Gaza" depict: "I who have been staring down so long/ see no reason for the sorrows humans make,/ I dislike the scuffle of bombs blasting/ very much. It blocks my view./ A landscape of grieving/ feels different afterwards./ Different sheen from a simple desert,/ rubble of walls, silent children who once said/ my name like a prayer."

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THURSDAY | 7 P.M. Sally Rooney will discuss "Normal People" with **Lily Meyer** at Politics and Prose at Union Market, 1270 Fifth St. NE. 202-544-4452.



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This teacher's tale gets an 'A' for satirical adoration

BOOK WORLD FROM C1

his adoring students polish into sacred incantations. "The foundation we require for Ego Reconstruction is Ego Deconstruction," he tells his disciples. "They fill their notebooks with such singular declarations, each of which, as they're writing it down, seems to offer the key, or perhaps the keystone, that will make the whole structure cohere." This reminds me so clearly of my own slavish scribblings during senior year that I can't help but laugh and cringe, as though Choi were spying on me in high school.

As you'll learn, she's a master of emotional pacing: the sudden revelation, the unexpected attack. She's equally astute at portraying the exaggerated passions of teenage life and the way that youthful energy warps the fabric of reality. "Remember the impossible eventfulness of time," Choi tells us, "transformation and emotion packed like gunpowder into the barrel. Remember the dilation and diffusion, the years within days. Theirs were endless; lives flowered and died between waking and noon." That's exactly the explosive fecundity that "Trust Exercise" captures.

The student at the center of this story is 15-year-old Sarah, one of those sophisticated young women trapped in "the excruciating in-betweenness of no longer being children, yet lacking those powers enjoyed by adults." She's swept up in a steamy relationship with another sophomore, an insatiable young man named David whose sexual prowess sets the school ablaze with gossip. "They were as noticeable as lighthouses," Choi writes. "Even when they both stared straight ahead, the wire ran between them, and their peers changed their paths to avoid tripping on it."

How cunningly this novel considers the way teenage sexuality is experienced, manipulated and remembered. And no one writes about erotic misadventures with more vicious humor than Choi. She notes that one student's crotch "trails an olfactory banner like some sort of sticky night flower to inflame jungle bats." Inside an aggressor's underpants "a single clammy mushroom thrived." (In 2013,



Author Susan Choi is a master of emotional pacing.

HEATHER WESTON

she was a finalist for the Literary Review's Bad Sex Award, which wasn't entirely fair: Bad writing about sex isn't the same as good writing about bad sex.)

When Mr. Kingsley gets wind of Sarah and David's tumultuous relationship, he sweeps in with a series of classroom activities — "trust exercises" — supposedly designed to elicit authentic emotions. But the enterprise feels both exploitative and humiliating, a kind of emotional pornography designed for his ben-

efit. At the end of class when Mr. Kingsley says, "Sarah, come by and see me tomorrow at lunch," her peers know she's not in trouble. "Sarah has become the kind of Problem they would all like to be," Choi writes. "How proud she feels, to command his attention."

Don't fancy you know where this is going; Choi will outsmart you at every step. Halfway through the novel, she suddenly recasts the entire story — several years in the future and from a different point of view. It's a vertiginous maneuver that remains unsettling as Choi's new narrator shifts erratically between first and third person, trying to unpack what's "sealed in the amber of a childhood crush." Who gave consent and who can give consent become questions complicated by a conspiracy of shame and shamelessness, the competing desires of young frenemies and unscrupulous adults. The result is a dramatic exploration of the distorting forces of memory, envy and art. Sex and adolescence are confusing enough, but especially so for a group of needy teens "taught that a moment of intimacy had no meaning unless it was part of a show."

But perhaps these theater geeks aren't so special — or unusual. "All the world's a stage," Shakespeare observed, "and all the men and women merely players." How those former theater students remember and misremember their school days might throw your own memories into doubt. And Choi's brief final section, which "ends this strange eventful history," will confound you yet again. Committing time and attention to a novel is always a trust exercise. This author never takes you where you thought you were going, but have faith: You won't be disappointed.

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On May 4 at 3:30 p.m., Susan Choi will be in conversation with Nicole Chung at Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington.

High stakes for lovable boy forced to grow up too soon

BY ELLEN MORTON

Set in Australia, Trent Dalton's "Boy Swallows Universe" is a sprawling novel about a thoughtful boy's premature journey into manhood. At age 12, Eli Bell has grasped the last idyllic strands of innocence. He is catapulted reluctantly out of his youth after he discovers the depth of his mom and stepdad's involvement with local drug traffickers. The only option for Eli and his brother, August, is to move in with their estranged father, an alcoholic whose mind "operates with as much order and predictability as the insides of our lounge room vinyl beanbag."

As a narrator, Eli is a casual philosopher who takes in the glory and consequence of the smallest quotidian details, and his acute observations are often refracted through his singular lens of farce and surrealism. When witnessing a neighborhood bully stab a local priest's car with a samurai sword, for example,

he sees "an old warrior about to ritually end the life of his best friend, or his favorite Australian suburban getabout motorcar."

Any preteen might get up to such preposterous mischief, but Eli's high jinks have much higher stakes and potentially catastrophic consequences. His first brush with the heroin trade sets him on an inescapable path, a nightmare that follows him to the edge of adulthood. As he turns 18, he dreams of becoming a journalist, he falls in love, he struggles to understand what it is to be a good man, and still the monsters of Eli's childhood haunt him.

Eli keeps his sense of humor, but the years of his adolescence pass, and he gets battered by life and circumstance; inevitably some of his fanciful whimsies give way to anger and a bleak pragmatism. His loss of innocence comes in narrative sucker punches, plot turns that evoke stomach-clenching terror and sickening grief.

What makes these experiences so affecting



BOY SWALLOWS UNIVERSE
By Trent Dalton
Harper. 464 pp.
\$26.99

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is they happen to Eli and August, two immensely and immediately lovable characters. Almost from the first page, Eli's lolling descriptions reveal each brother's stark individuality, but also a compelling fraternal devotion and understanding. They remain each other's only constants throughout a young adulthood littered with traumas large and small.

"Boy Swallows Universe" hypnotizes you with wonder, and then hammers you with heartbreak. The events of Eli's life are often fatal and tragic, but fate and tragedy do not overpower the story. Eli's remarkably poetic voice and his astonishingly open heart take the day. They enable him to carve out the best of what's possible from the worst of what is, which is the miracle that makes this novel marvelous.

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TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS


MONTY BRINTON/CBS

The Amazing Race (CBS at 9) The Emmy Award-winning reality series, during which teams compete for a \$1 million prize returns tonight for Season 31. Pictured are Rachel Reilly, left, and Elissa Slater.

Empire (Fox at 8) Jeff Kingsley tries to get to the bottom of Lucious and Tracy Kingsley's dynamic.

Riverdale (CW at 8) Jughead and FP set out to find the source of a tainted batch of fizzles rocks.

Jane the Virgin (CW at 9) Jane turns to Petra for advice when she feels her friends aren't being honest with her.

Star (Fox at 9) Simone and Alex get ready for their ASA performance.

Whiskey Cavalier (ABC at 10) The team takes on a new mission of transporting a prisoner.

DOCUMENTARY

Homecoming: A Film by Beyoncé (Netflix streaming) Concert and behind-the-scenes footage are utilized to show the impact of the singer's 2018 Coachella performance.

PREMIERE
Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed the World (WETA and WMPT at 10) A look at how six concepts forever altered the

course of history.

FINALE

The Magicians (Syfy at 9) Season finale.

LATE NIGHT

Conan (TBS at 11) Jim Jefferies.

Busy Tonight/Philips (E! at 11) DeWanda Wise, Brittany Snow.

Tonight Show/Fallon (NBC at 11:34) Kate Beckinsale, Ralph Macchio, Rudy Francisco.

Late Show/Colbert (CBS at 11:35) James Spader, Anna Palmer, Jake Sherman, the Lumineers.

Jimmy Kimmel Live (ABC at 11:35) Gina Rodriguez, Isaac Hempstead Wright, Rufus Du Sol.

Late Late Show/Corden (CBS at 12:37) Seth MacFarlane, Linda Cardellini, the 1975.

Late Night/Meyers (NBC at 12:37) Hank Azaria, Melissa Fumero, Brandon Maxwell.
— Sarah Polus

More at washingtonpost.com/entertainment/tv

BROADCAST CHANNELS										
4/17/19	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ News	♦ Access	♦ Chicago Med		♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago P.D.		News	♦ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Little House on the Prairie	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	Fox 5	♦ TMZ	♦ Empire	♦ Star	Fox 5 News at Ten		News	The Final 5		
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ Wheel	♦ J'pardy!	♦ Goldbergs	♦ Schooled	♦ Mod Fam	♦ Single	♦ Whiskey Cavalier		News	♦ Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	Off Script	♦ ET	♦ Survivor	♦ The Amazing Race	♦ SEAL Team		9 News	♦ Colbert		
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ La Rosa de Guadalupe	Jesús	Dña Flor y sus dos	Por amar sin ley	Noticias					
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ Family Feud	Fox 5 News	♦ FamFeud	Fox 5 News	♦ FamFeud	Big Bang	Big Bang	♦ Dateline		
22.1 WMPF (PBS)	Jamie	♦ MotorWeek	♦ Nature	♦ NOVA		♦ Breakthrough		♦ Amanpour-Co		
26.4 WETA (PBS)	PBS NewsHour	Nature	NOVA			Breakthrough		Amanpour-Co		
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	DW News	Start Up	The Rock Newman Show	Veterans in Family-Clarks	Democracy Now!		World News	Kamla Show		
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ blackish	♦ blackish	♦ Riverdale	♦ Jane The Virgin	♦ DailyMailTV	♦ Seinfeld	Mike & Molly	Two Men		
66.1 WPXW (ION)	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods		

CABLE CHANNELS										
A&E	Zombie House Flipping	Zombie House Flipping	Zombie House Flipping	Zombie House Flipping	Tiny House Nation	Zombie House Flipping				
AMC	(5:00) Movie: The Fugitive	Movie: The Hangover Part III	★★ (2013)		(10:05) Movie: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider ★★ (2001)					
Animal Planet	Lone Star Law	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed			Lone Star Law	Lone Star Law				
BET	(7:04) Movie: Are We Done Yet? ★ (2007)				Movie: Blue Streak ★ (1999)					
Bravo	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC	Housewives-Atlanta	Watch	Housewives			
Cartoon Network	Gumball	We Bare	Samurai Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront	Anderson Cooper 360	Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight					
Comedy Central	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	South Park	
Discovery	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Mummies Unwrapped	(11:02) Expedition Unknown						
Disney	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney-Max	Coop & Cami	Jessie	Sydney-Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Raven	
E!	E! News	Botched	Botched	Botched	Botched	Botched	Botched	Busy	Kardashian	
ESPN	(6:30) MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (Live)				SportsCenter (Live)					
ESPN2	College Softball: Florida at Florida State (Live)			30 for 30				NFL Combine	Rookie	
Food Network	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games			
Fox News	The Story With Martha	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News at Night					
Freeform	Family Guy	Pretty Little Liars	(9:01) Movie: Jumanji ★★ (1995)		The 700 Club					
FX	(5:00) Split	Movie: Assassin's Creed ★★ (2016)			Shadows	What We Do	What We Do	Assassin		
Hallmark	(6:00) Just Add Romance	Movie: Once Upon a Prince (2018)			Movie: Appetite for Love (2016)					
Hallmark M&M	Morning Show Mysteries		Morning Show Mysteries					Murder, She Wrote		
HBO	Bourne Six	VICE	Movie: The First Purge ★★ (2018)	(9:45) Game of Thrones	(10:45) Barry	(11:15) Leaving Neverland				
HGTV	Property Brothers: Buying	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling	Hunters	Hunt Int'l	Property Brothers				
History	Forged in Fire	Forged in Fire	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire	(11:03) Forged in Fire				
Lifetime	Celebrity Wife Swap	Celebrity Wife Swap	Celebrity Wife Swap	(10:03) Celebrity Wife Swap	(11:03) Celebrity Wife Swap					
MASN	MLB Baseball: San Francisco Giants at Washington Nationals (Live)			Nats	ESPNWS	Ballgame	MLB Baseball			
MSNBC	Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	The 11th Hour					
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show				
Nat'l Geographic	Border Wars	Drugs, Inc.	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix	Inside Cocaine Wars	Drugs, Inc.					
NBC SportsNet WA	Softball	Redsk.	Draft Sp.	Caps Journey	D.C.	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins 100		
Nickelodeon	Loud House	Henry Danger	Movie: Spy Kids ★★★ (2001)		The Office	The Office	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	Mom	Mom	Movie: The Bourne Ultimatum ★★★ (2007)					Movie: The Bourne Ultimatum ★★★		
Syfy	Movie: Fast & Furious ★★ (2009)		The Magicians	Happy!				Movie: Ender's Game ★★		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Conan	Seinfeld		
TCM	(6:30) Valley of the Kings	Movie: The Thin Man ★★★★ (1934)	(9:45) Movie: A Guy Named Joe ★★ (1943)							
TLC	(6:00) My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life		Dr. Pimple Popper	My 600-Lb. Life					
TNT	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics (Live)		NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Houston Rockets (Live)							
Travel	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries-Museum	In Search of Monsters	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Caught- Camera					
TruTV	Adam Ruins	Adam Ruins	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Tacoma FD		
TV Land	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	King	King	
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Unsung	Unsung	Uncensored			The DL Hughley Show		
USA Network	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at Dallas Stars (Live)					Law & Order: SVU		
VH1	Black Ink Crew	Black Ink Crew	Black Ink Crew	(10:01) Black Ink Crew				Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		
WNCB	America This Week	Govt. Matters	Mother Side	Sports	World News	WJLA 24/7 News at 10		Govt. Matters	Mother Side	
WGN	Movie: Sleeping With the Enemy ★★ (1991)		Gone	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops			

LEGEND: **Bold** indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

Tell your instructors about your anxiety. They can help you learn to master it.

Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I have decided to pursue a master's degree, despite having an exorbitant amount of anxiety surrounding academia. It often feels like I require 13 tries before even understanding concepts that other students pick up immediately (even though I know every individual has their own personal struggles!).

I meet regularly with a therapist and stick to a regimented sleep, medication

and exercise schedule to keep my anxiety under control. Despite this, I still occasionally find myself becoming extremely emotional around tutors, teachers and other mentors trying to help me reach my goal.

I do my best to excuse myself if I need to wipe away some tears, but there are many occasions when time simply does not allow for this. I'm very curious if there are any etiquette tips for situations when anxiety gets the better of me. How do I explain to others that my reaction is not their fault, and how do I deal with these exhausting emotions when they insist on coming out

in public? **The situations you** are speaking of are not public — you will exchange tutors, teachers and fellow students periodically, but not daily or even weekly — a point Miss Manners makes for a reason.

Most academic programs provide for individual contact with teachers, tutors and mentors, which is the proper place to mention your situation, preferably before a demonstration. Those professionals will then be aware of what is happening and in a position to help, by, for example, calling on someone else or excusing you. This is not a step

to be taken for every diagnosis or discomfort, but only for issues well outside the range of average behaviors. You do not, after all, wish to be the student whose dog is always eating his homework.

Dear Miss Manners: My mother passed away. She was aged, and it was not unexpected. At a family dinner, I mentioned that it was not a good year for me, as two acquaintances of mine had also passed away, both of them very suddenly.

My sister-in-law asked what caused their deaths. I replied I didn't know and didn't ask. She replied that she would want to

know. I said that out of respect for the families in their time of grief, I could not do such a thing.

If a family member had told me the cause of death, and someone else asked me, then I would say, "I am not a detective. I am a mourner."

Sadly, the discussion went from talk to debate. I excused myself and went home. I later apologized but am still taken aback by her lack of manners and courtesy. Is there a situation where one may ask the cause of death? Should I just remember the decedents and mourn? They were beautiful people whom I shall miss.

Can't finish that steak? Maybe there should be a stir-fry in your future.

Hints From Heloise: Ever have a piece of chicken, a pork chop or a piece of steak left from dinner that's not enough for another meal? I freeze the leftovers and use them later in a stir-fry. I let them thaw, cut them into bite-size pieces and mix with vegetables for a delicious meal. "Waste not . . ." *A Reader in North Carolina*

Dear Heloise: Would you please reprint your recipe for salmonettes? My family loved them, and I've lost the recipe.

MOVIE DIRECTORY

DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.

Hotel Mumbai (R) CC: 1:15-4:30

Shazam! (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:05-9:10

Captain Marvel (PG-13) CC: 12:45-3:30-6:40-9:40

Dumbo (PG) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:45-10:00

Hellboy (R) CC: 7:30-10:45

Pet Sematary (R) CC: 1:10-3:45-6:35-9:15

Little (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:15-4:15-7:00-9:45

Ben-Hur 60th Anniversary (1959) presented by TCM 1:00-6:00

Missing Link (PG) 12:15-5:10-9:00

Hellboy (R) CC: 12:30-3:20-6:15-9:10

Smithsonian - Lockheed Martin IMAX Theater
601 Independence Avenue SW

D-Day: Normandy 1944 3D (R) 1:00-10:00

Aircraft Carrier: Guardians of the Seas 3D (2018) (NR) 10:50-12:00-2:35

Journey to Space: The IMAX 3D Experience (NR) 10:20-11:25-12:35-2:00

Apollo 11: The IMAX 2D Experience 3:10

Smithsonian - Warner Bros. Theater
14th St and Constitution Ave Northwest

Tornado Alley 3D (NR) 10:30-4:10

D-Day: Normandy 1944 3D (NR) 12:40

National Parks Adventure 3D (America Wild 3D) (NR) 11:50-2:25-4:45

Superpower Dogs 3D (G) 11:00-3:15-3:30

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Ctr
6833 Colesville Road

Blade Runner 2049 (R) CC: 8:00

The Beach (R) CC: 5:45

The Aftermath (R) CC: 12:10

Master Z: Ip Man Legacy 2:25-7:00-9:20

Gloria Bell (R) CC: 4:45

The Burial of Kojirō 2:30-2:20-5:30-7:45-9:30

Lost Horizon (1937) (NR) 5:25

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road

Shazam! (PG-13) CC: 4:00

Hellboy (R) CC: 1:20-4:30-7:30

Pet Sematary (R) CC: 1:30-4:5-7:00

Captain Marvel (PG-13) 12:40-5:00-9:10

Little (PG-13) 12:00-2:40-5:00-7:20-9:50

Breakthrough (PG) CC: 1:30-4:5-7:00

Missing Link (PG) CC: 4:10

Us (R) CC: 1:15-4:25-7:20

The Best of Enemies (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:20-7:25

Shazam! 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:00-7:15

Missing Link 3D (PG) CC: 7:00-10:20

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway

Shazam! (PG-13) CC: 1:55-3:0-4:55-7:20

Captain Marvel (PG-13) CC: 10:50-11:00-12:30-6:55-10:15

Hellboy (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-4:55-7:40-10:40

Pet Sematary (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-4:55-7:40-10:40

After (PG-13) CC: 11:25-2:0-4:55-7:40-10:40

Captain Marvel (PG-13) 12:40-5:00-9:10

Little (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:45-9:15

Breakthrough (PG) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:45-9:15

Missing Link (PG) CC: 4:10-7:45-9:15

Mary Magdalene (R) CC: 1:00-1:50-2:30-4:45-8:00-10:15

Shazam! 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:00-9:00

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Little (PG-13) 10:55-1:40-7:25-10:05

After (PG-13) CC: 4:10-6:40-9:35

The Best of Enemies (PG-13) CC: 6:35-7:10-10:05

Shazam! (PG-13) CC: 6:40-9:45

Dumbo (PG) 10:55-1:40-4:30-7:35-10:20

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
981 Washingtonian Center

Little (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:15-7:30-10:30

Penguins (G) CC: 11:45-2:30-5:00-7:15-9:30

Unplanned (R) CC: 1:25-4:05-6:30-9:45

Berlin 60th Anniversary (1959) presented by TCM 1:00-6:00

The Best of Enemies (PG-13) CC: 6:45-7:10-10:40

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Hellboy (R) CC: 12:00-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:20

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th St Northwest

Amazing Grace (G) 1:00-2:15-3:15-4:30-5:30-6:45-7:45-9:00-9:50

Diane (2018-II) CC: 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45

The Brink CC: 9:35

The Chaperone CC: 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:45

Hotel Mumbai (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:30-9:00

Gloria Bell (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-6:00-8:45-9:45

High Life (CC) 2:00-5:00-7:15-8:45

The Mustang (R) CC: 7:00-10:30

Landmark West End Cinema
281 M Street Northwest

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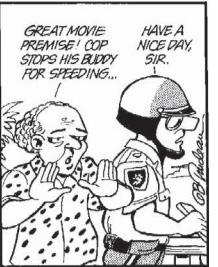
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CLASSIC DOONESBURY



GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES



BRIAN CRANE

BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♦ Q 9 8 6
♥ 7 5 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ K Q J 7 5

WEST
♦ Q 9 8 6
♥ Q 10 8 6 3
♦ Q 10
♣ 8 2

EAST
♦ K 10
♥ 9 4 2
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ A 10 9 3

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 NT Pass 3 NT All Pass
Opening lead — ♦ 6

Cy the Cynic, who isn't known for careful planning anyhow, says that it would be easier to go to Plan B if Plan A had a step that said, "Admit failure and go to Plan B."

Cy was declarer at today's 3NT. He won the first heart with his jack and led a club: eight, king ... and East correctly played low. Cy came back to his king of diamonds and led a second club to the queen, and this time East won and returned a heart.

The Cynic won, went to the ace of diamonds and took the jack of clubs. He hoped for a 3-3 break, but West discarded. When neither diamonds nor spades treated Cy well, he won only eight tricks.

Cy's Plan A might have produced an overtrick, but as it was, he might as well have admitted failure after Trick Two (and then it was too late to go to Plan B). On the first club, Cy must play low from dummy, forcing East to win.

Cy wins the heart return and leads a second club to the king. He is thus sure of three clubs, three hearts, two diamonds and a spade.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♦ K 10 ♥ 9 4 2
♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ A 10 9 3

Your partner opens one spade, you respond 1NT, he bids two hearts and you return to two spades. Partner then bids 2NT. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your first two bids showed only six to nine points, but your partner's 2NT says he remains interested in game. Since your values are closer to maximum, and your good club spots and nine of diamonds may prove significant, raise to 3NT, especially if your side is vulnerable.

— Frank Stewart

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RED AND ROVER



BRIAN BASSET

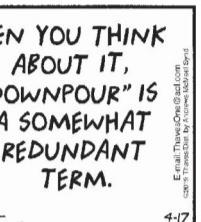


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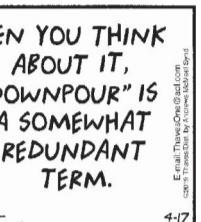


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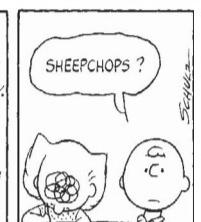
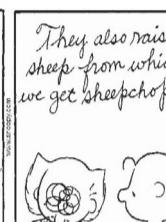
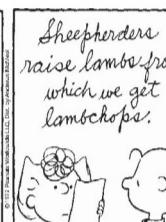
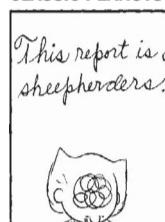
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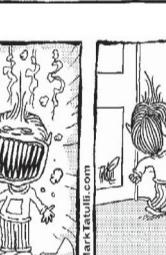
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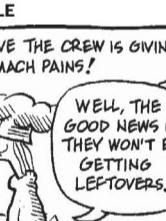


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ANSWER: E1 I1 O1 T1 R1 H4 B3

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RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

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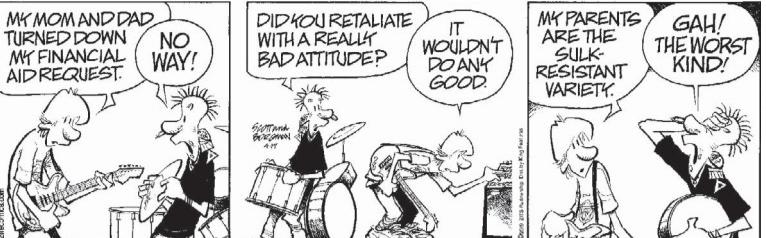
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This year, you break past certain set barriers. You might not be sure which approach works best, so try a variety. If single, you're unusually desirable, but also you might tend toward bonds that are more explosive, perhaps because the attraction is greater. If you're attached, you and your partner often will need to make sure that you're on the same wavelength. Libra draws a smile from you.

ARIES

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19). Generally, you feel passionate about situations and people. A new person who might walk into your life at any time could intrigue you and become a good friend. Give this person the space to reveal him- or herself. Note an element of confusion in present communications.

TAURUS

(APRIL 20-MAY 20). Be more forthright and direct in how you make choices. There could be a lot of questions surrounding a seemingly routine matter. You might be sensing some confusion about this situation. Understand your choices. Allow ingenuity to flow.

GEMINI

(MAY 21-JUNE 20). You finally flow more with the moment and with those around you. Your imagination soars, especially if you're around a child or loved one. Take some of this gift into your outside life. Others will appreciate your ingenuity and lightness.

CANCER

(JUNE 21-JULY 22). Be sure that you can take on another responsibility. Rather than saying "yes" quickly, take your time. You might not want to commit just yet. Time remains your ally. You could want a change or to add more variety in your life.

LEO

(JULY 23-AUG. 22). A bevy of calls and people greet you this morning. If you have plans, you might screen some of this activity and let others know that you'll make time later. A call from a distant person or an expert holds important information.

VIRGO

(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22). Tension builds, especially around funds. You might wish that you could stretch them further. Examine your budget with care; see whether you possibly can fit in a coveted purchase. Roll with it. Extremes mark the moment for now.

LIBRA

(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22). You might want to let others know where you're coming from. As a result, you gain more support than you thought was available. First, decide what you want, be it a situation, relationship or business deal.

SCORPIO

(OCT. 23-NOV. 21). When the situation is appropriate, take a back seat. Your ability to maneuver a personal matter could be more important than you're aware it is. Nevertheless, honor your inner voice first right now.

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV. 22-DEC. 21). You're focused and know what you want and expect from certain situations. You could feel as though someone might not be in tune with you. Slow down; approach this person openly and with kindness.

CAPRICORN

(DEC. 22-JAN. 19). You might be focused on completing a job or project. Nothing will delay you from getting that far and achieving the results you desire. For you, more than most signs, the final product is what counts.

AQUARIUS

(JAN. 20-FEB. 18). Your ability to empathize and walk in someone else's footsteps comes out. You'll be able to find a more effective way of communicating to this person. Ask questions, but be ready for an odd answer.

PISCES

(FEB. 19-MARCH 20). One-on-one relating will draw the results you desire. You might not be sure what to expect. You can be sure that the person in question will reveal more of his or her authentic self.

— Jacqueline Bigar

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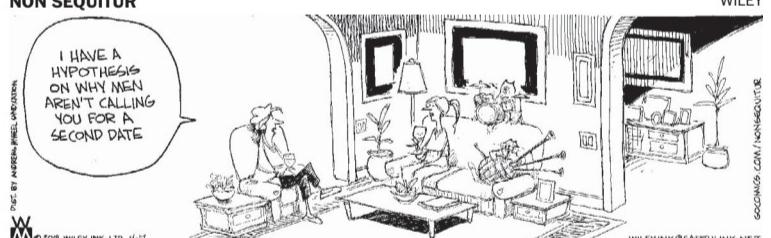
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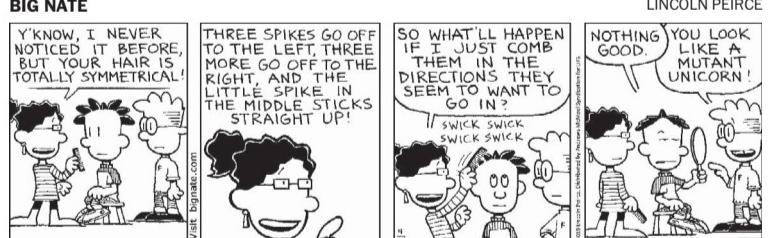
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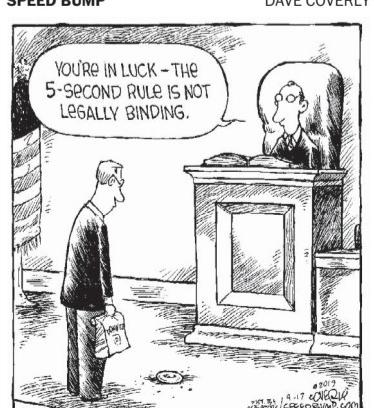


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Caucus members help one another embrace dual roles as parents, lawmakers

MOMS FROM C1

In 2019, in the era of #MeToo, when discussions of gender roles and equality are very much in the mainstream, a group of women sitting together and sharing stories about working motherhood probably shouldn't feel so radical. But this is Capitol Hill, where the first lactation room in the House wasn't installed until 2007 (after Nancy Pelosi demanded it), where the first women's restroom off the House floor was only added in 2011, and where until 2017 it was forbidden for women to bare their shoulders in the House Speaker's Lobby.

Then came the 2018 election and its historic influx of female lawmakers — led by women who touted their motherhood bona fides with pride — and Wasserman Schultz, who came to Washington in 2005 as the mother of twin 5-year-olds and a 1-year-old, decided the time had come to launch what she calls the "Moms in the House" caucus. She invited the 25 mothers of school-age children in the House (21 Democrats and four Republicans) to join the group, the first of its kind in congressional history.

"We are doing these jobs differently than the majority of Congress," Wasserman Schultz told the group gathered around the breakfast table. "I want this to be a vehicle, not only to be supportive of one another but also to help each other be successful, to use it as a way for us to advance an agenda and collect our power, to move things forward."

She smiled and added: "And to just maybe have some comfort, where we can come together, because we're living through the same experience."

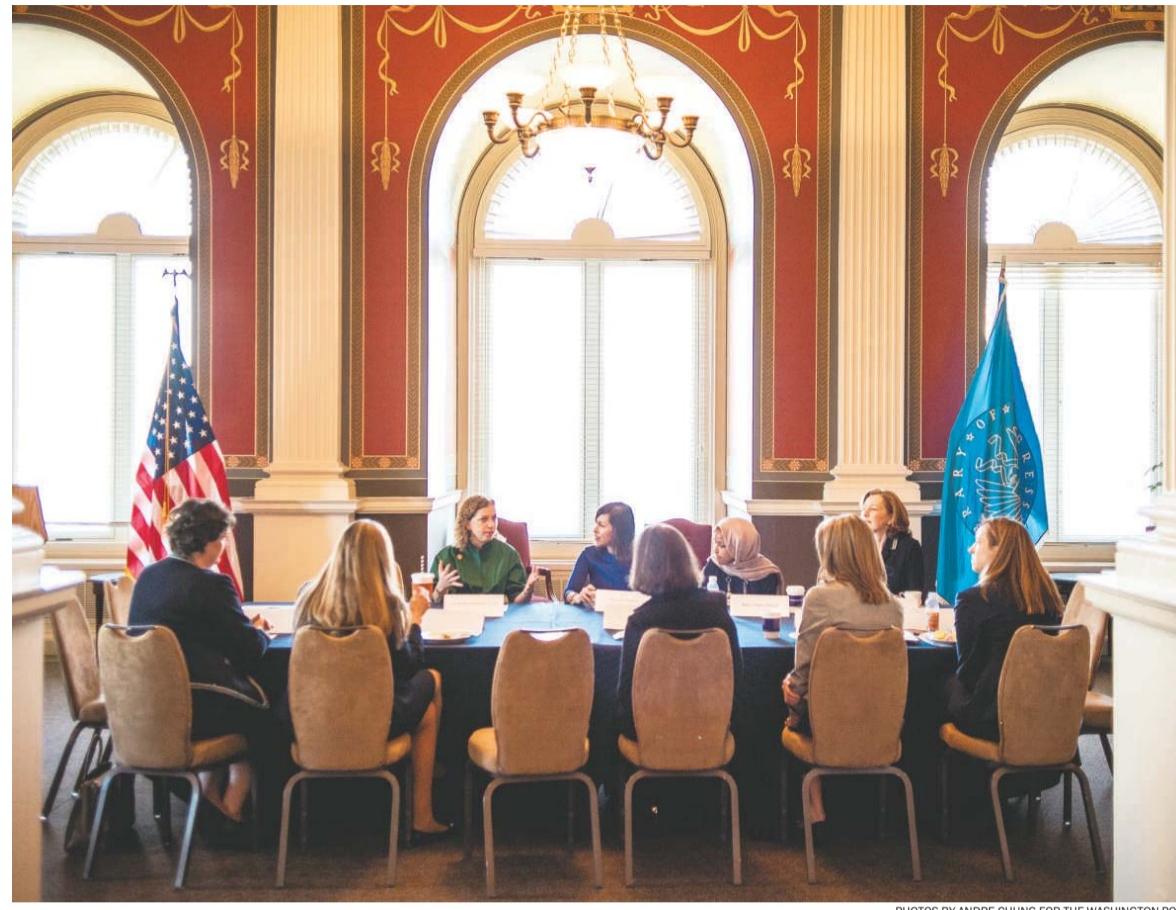
Of course, it isn't exactly the same experience. Among the Moms in the House caucus are mothers of sons, and of daughters, older children, younger children and stepchildren. Rep. Angie Craig (D-Minn.) is the first lesbian mom elected to Congress; Reps. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) are the first Muslim moms. Even among the handful of women gathered recently over breakfast, differences were apparent.

"I have an incredibly supportive husband, and that's really the only reason I'm able to do this," said Rep. Kim Schrier (D-Wash.).

"I have a very, very supportive spouse," Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-Va.) echoed. "When women ask for advice about 'how can I do it all,' number one, I say, 'you gotta find a great partner.'"

Then it was Porter's turn. "I don't have any spouse," she said, "and I'm happy that way."

Even though there are more women and more mothers in Congress than ever before, being



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The "Moms in the House" caucus, led by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.), third from left, includes a number of freshman congresswoman who are also moms to young children/teens. The group met this month at the Library of Congress.

a single mom — a circumstance shared by about 1 in 4 American mothers — is still rare enough here to feel isolating, Porter said later.

"It was a moment of my realizing how different I am," she said. "And until we have a lot more women in Congress, there are still going to be those moments."

Although the 2018 midterm elections brought the proportion of women in the legislature to an all-time high, nearly doubling the number of working mothers, the percentage of women in Congress — 24 percent — still falls far short of mirroring the American populace.

All of the new additions were in the House, and most were Democrats — though motherhood is a role that has increasingly been emphasized by members of both parties. (Kelly Ayotte, former Republican senator from New Hampshire, often spoke about her children and the challenges of running for office when they were young; Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington — who in 2013 became the first woman to give birth to three children while serving in Congress — has frequently discussed



FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, right, with Wasserman Schultz, talked about the digital divide at the meeting.

her son with Down syndrome and founded a Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus.)

So far, only Democrats have attended the monthly Moms in the House events, which began in January, though Wasserman Schultz says Republican members have expressed interest. There is also an active text group, she says, in which members frequently turn to one another for advice: Should the whole family move to Washington? What are

the best summer camps in D.C.? What to do with visiting kids when Mom has to be on the House floor to vote?

Ultimately, she says she hopes the group will use "the strength in our numbers" to push family-focused issues — affordable child care and stronger parental-leave policies, for instance — to the top of a legislative agenda. But the main purpose is to serve as personal and professional support, she says, to empower members to

embrace their dual roles as parents and lawmakers.

So when Rosenworcel brought up the issue of net neutrality and the digital divide over breakfast, the congresswomen around the table discussed the challenges facing children who can't complete their homework because they don't have Internet access.

And at a House Financial Services Committee hearing last week, during a confrontation with JPMorgan Chase chief executive Jamie Dimon, Porter assailed the bank's low wages by describing the impossibility of a single mom with a 6-year-old child trying to survive on an entry-level salary. In an exchange that went viral, Porter concluded that the hypothetical mother in question would run a deficit of nearly \$600 per month.

"What I'd like you to do," she told Dimon, "is provide a way for families to make ends meet."

For many years, mothers in Congress have supported one another behind the scenes, Wasserman Schultz says, but the current moment felt worthy of something more.

"It was always really important

to me, the bits of advice that I was able to get from more-experienced, veteran moms in Congress, and that was advice I've quoted through the years to women who were thinking about running," she says. "So it's really been a gradual crescendo for me to reach this point."

After the caucus was announced, a flurry of questions followed, about what it meant — practically, symbolically — to see these women assemble, to proudly identify themselves as mothers.

"When people ask me, 'What is the significance of so many women and mothers being in the U.S. Congress?' you know, it's great for young girls that they see this representation," Craig said. "But maybe it's even more important that my four sons grow up in a world where women are fully representing them. This is the new normal for them, that women are at the policymaking table."

But even the new normal is still far from equal, says Jennifer Lawless, a political scientist at the University of Virginia and an expert on women in politics.

"The fact that this moms' caucus has to exist continues to demonstrate the incredibly disproportionate share of household labor and child care that women, even in the top tier of professional accomplishment, remain responsible for," Lawless said. "There are a lot of men who have had young kids, and never has there been attention on how to focus those dual roles. So it's in some ways a double-edged sword. It highlights the need to figure out a way to be able to balance your home life and your profession, but the downside is that it's reinforcing this idea that this is a problem only women face."

And that problem, she says, isn't likely to be solved in Congress; cultural norms can't be legislated.

"That's not to say that if we have more favorable leave policies, that that won't help generate the conversation, and that things can't change," Lawless said. "But it won't be in four or eight years."

Wasserman Schultz is aware of this dichotomy. "It's wonderful that we have a critical mass of moms with school-aged children and we can be there for one another, and have a platform to advance an agenda important to women and families," she said, "and at the same time, we shouldn't need that support network because it shouldn't be any different to be a mom in Congress than to be a dad in Congress."

She paused. "Only it is, and you have to deal with reality."

The ultimate goal of the caucus, then?

"I'd like to hope," she says, "that our existence helps us to ultimately not need to exist."

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Elimination of '90 Day Fiance' star is reminder of harsh reality TV lesson

BY EMILY YAHR

These days, it's common to see aspiring reality stars jump from one show to another: "Bachelor" contestants head to "Marriage Boot Camp," or "Big Brother" competitors go on "The Amazing Race." However, contestants often learn that the reputation from your first show typically carries over to the next — sometimes with unfortunate consequences.

This situation cropped up recently on "American Idol," which is enjoying its second season on ABC after being canceled by Fox. Evelyn Cormier, a 20-year-old teacher from New Hampshire, was immediately recognizable when she appeared on the first round of auditions in March; her first reality TV gig was in fall 2017, as one of the stars of TLC's hit "90 Day Fiance."

Cormier's story line on "90 Day Fiance," which involved lots of bickering with her husband-to-be, was not well-received by many viewers and appeared to contribute to harsh online criticism during "Idol." While certain fans loved her and the judges praised her vocals (Katy Perry deemed Cormier "one of my favorite voices I've ever heard in my life"), as soon as she made the Top 14 round this week, viewers finally had the chance to vote. And on Monday night, they eliminated her from the competition.

Granted, some people just didn't enjoy her self-proclaimed "odd" voice, or her Sunday performance of Jimmy Eat World's "The Middle." But even a brief scroll through Twitter, Facebook comments or "Idol" forums showed viewers who connected her "90 Day Fiance" stint to her current show, declaring they weren't fans then and they aren't fans now.

It didn't matter that Cormier's



Evelyn Cormier, who was on "90 Day Fiance" before "American Idol," got the boot Monday.

portrayal on "Idol" as the sweet, quirky singer was the polar opposite of her edit on "90 Day Fiance" as the controlling, self-centered bride. It's a harsh lesson of starring on a reality show: First impressions, especially negative ones, tend to stick.

Cormier's past reality show experience didn't come up at all in her first audition, at least in the

edited-for-TV version — even though the judges asked about her wedding ring and were shocked when she told them she got married at age 18. In her pretaped introduction, Cormier talked about her husband, David, and said "the biggest issue was that he was from Spain. David and I did long-distance for a while, and then he was finally

able to come to the United States."

Of course, that's the entire premise of "90 Day Fiance": The show follows couples in which one person is an American citizen, and the other is from another country. As soon as they arrive in America, the clock starts ticking on their K-1 visa, which gives them 90 days to decide

whether they want to get married.

On Cormier and her husband's season, the two were shown arguing almost constantly leading up to their nuptials. While every reality show needs drama, their scenes became uncomfortable: Memorable moments included a conversation about the American Dream in which Cormier told

David, "There's no such thing as a European dream." David made Cormier's best friend cry when he said, "You sound like someone who's not dating anyone." During one fight about how much money to spend on the wedding, and a discussion of the culture clash, Cormier replied bluntly, "You're in America now."

They eventually got married in October 2017 and, unlike some couples on the show, are still together.

"90 Day Fiance" also served as a promotional vehicle for Cormier's singing career, as she performed in a family band. It worked: Cormier told *In Touch Weekly* that an "American Idol" producer noticed her and recruited her to try out this season.

On Sunday night's episode, before her performance of "The Middle," Cormier finally brought up her first brush with fame in her introductory video.

"This isn't actually my first time on television. I was on a reality show called '90 Day Fiance,'" Cormier told the camera. "But ultimately, I'd rather be recognized for my music."

Yet Cormier didn't make the cut Monday — she landed in the bottom seven fan-voted finalists. And although the judges didn't save her (they were allowed to save three contestants to make up the Top 10, who will perform next week), they all offered encouragement.

"This is probably the beginning of your long career," Lionel Richie told her.

"You're graceful, you're beautiful, I'm a huge fan of you, and I think you're on your way to becoming a spectacular artist," Perry said.

Luke Bryan encouraged her to ignore her haters: "Don't take this 'America's vote' and let it start changing what you are."

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**CHIP SAYS**

Today is National Bat Appreciation Day! About 40 species of bats live in the United States. Worldwide, there are more than 1,300.

**TODAY**

The forecast is partly cloudy with a light breeze. It will be a nice spring day with highs into the 60s.



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Firefighters put out the fire at the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, but a lot of work remains.

MAKE IT

Egg, shoulders, knees & toes



BY KRIS CORONADO

Wondering what to do with all of those Easter eggs once they have been hunted and emptied of their goody greatness? Make an egg robot, of course. This easy-to-build gizmo will stick around longer than the Easter Bunny. Hop to it, inventors.

Hands-on time: 1 hour
Total time: 3½ hours
Adult's help: No

SUPPLIES

- Three plastic Easter eggs
- Paper plate
- 8 ounces of metallic silver chalk paint (available online or in select stores)
- Sponge paintbrush
- 9-inch (or longer) paper straw (craft stores, online sites)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Adhesive tack (craft stores, online sites)
- Clear washable glue
- Two 7-millimeter wiggle eyes
- Jewel stickers (craft stores, online sites)
- Permanent black marker



PHOTOS BY KRIS CORONADO

STEPS

1. Open all eggs, then stand three egg tops and one bottom on a paper plate. Stir chalk paint with sponge brush, then dab paint on the outside of egg pieces. (Don't worry if it goes on clumpy at first.) Let set a few minutes, then smooth paint with gentle brushstrokes, applying more as needed. (This gets messy.) Return eggs to standing position on plate, dry 2½ hours.



2. Wash paint off your hands, then cut and measure straw into two 3-inch and two 1½-inch pieces with scissors.



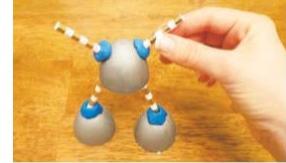
3. Firmly press a penny-size piece of adhesive tack onto the top of two painted oval egg tops. Push one 3-inch straw piece into the center of each, adding more tack around the straw bottom as needed to keep it in place.



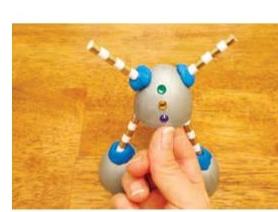
4. Push a quarter-size amount of tack inside the remaining oval egg top, then add another tack layer over it for extra thickness. Gently, but firmly, press the top of the leg straws under the egg into tack. Add extra as needed around straw tops for stability.



5. Glue two wiggle eyes just to the left and right of the center top of the remaining painted egg piece (the round bottom).



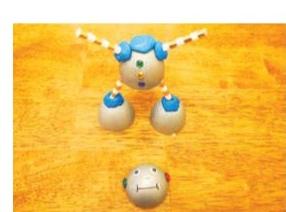
6. While the eyes dry for 20 minutes, press two dime-size pieces of tack on the top left and right of the egg body. Next, push an inch-and-a-half straw into each.



7. Place three jewel stickers down the center of the body, then two more on the sides of the head in line with the eyes.



8. Draw a mouth on the robot face with a black marker.



9. Press a penny-size amount of putty on the top of the body, then firmly push the bottom of the robot head into place.

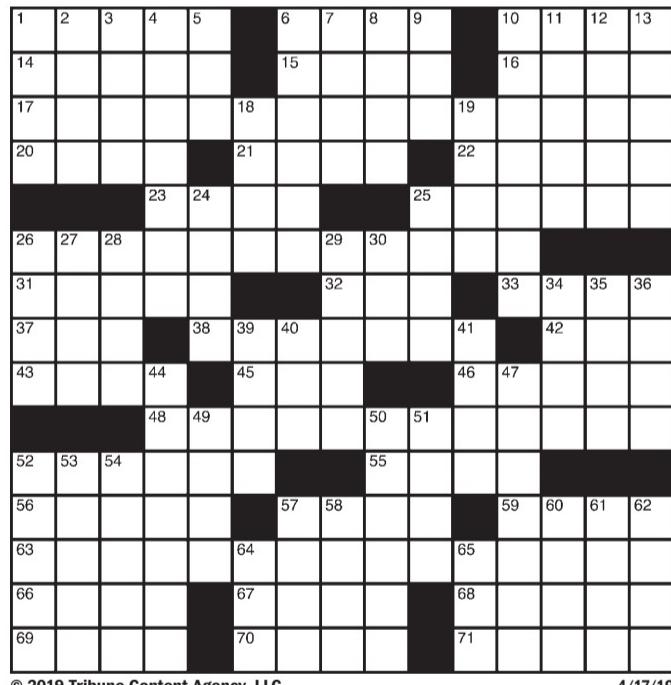
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By Jeff Stillman

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- Naysayer
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- Brought into being
- Intl. oil group
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- Cuatro times dos
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DOWN

- Bygone sunscreen ingredient
- Fried side with a po'boy
- Organization chart level
- Fastening gadget
- Chatter
- One taking advantage of privilege
- Rule during homework time, perhaps
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- Traveler's rest
- Toyota compact
- Dizzying pictures
- State bordering Bavaria
- Orangy-yellow
- Seal predator
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- Siesta hrs.
- Cry weakly
- Beauxbatons Academy coat of arms symbol, in Harry Potter
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- Leave dumbstruck
- Drops off
- Paintings on wet plaster
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- Go very slowly
- Go on foot
- "Slow down!"
- Rio Grande tributary
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- Yoga aftereffect, perhaps
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TUESDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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Try online dating, but trust your gut



Carolyn Hax

Hey, Carolyn: I've found all of my relationships through work, school, or a shared activity. We got to know each other over time and when we started spending time alone, it felt natural. This is probably why online dating has always felt kind of weird to me.

I met a guy in person this past weekend. He's very nice and almost perfect on paper. And yet I feel . . . indifferent, leaning toward not interested. I don't want to write him off just because it takes me a while to warm up to someone. I also don't want to lead him on when I'm not really into it.

But I don't want to be alone forever.

It seems like I'm looking for excuses not to go out with him — that he can't travel because he's paying his kids' tuition, that there's something weird going on with his teeth. Meanwhile, he's texting me all day, every day, and it's too much considering we barely know each other and it's just adding to my anxiety. Please help!

— *Anxious*

Anxious: It's good to try something new.

It's not good to force it, though.

Or to throw away what you learned from the old ways.

Or to let fear of being alone make decisions for you, instead of letting your interest in someone determine how much time you invest.

"It's too much considering we barely know each other" is a clear-eyed observation based on knowledge you already have about a relationship you don't need. Your judgment tells you something isn't right. Respect for such judgment and instinct is your most effective defense against bad situations — getting into them or staying in them too long.

Think of it as your social immune system.

Then recognize you're having an immune response to this person, then take a polite but firm pass on any more dates.

I feel for him. The teeth! But he is responsible for the way he conducts himself, not you. You owe no one a second date.

You do owe it to yourself to let this experience inform your next one, though. (Just as he owes it to himself to learn something

from his whiff with you.) You like to get to know people before dating them — okay! That would be fine even if you were the only one on Earth who felt that way, because it's your life, but it also happens to be a preference well represented by healthy people. And I struggle to think of a different situation where I'd argue against making an informed decision. Why are we so inclined to discard them with love?

You obviously turned to online dating because you're not happy with the pool of people in your work/school/shared-activity axis, which also isn't uncommon. So meet yourself halfway: Go online to broaden your "shared activity" exposure (Meetup, or local networks), find a good fit or two, then settle in to take things slowly from there.

Oh — and "perfect on paper" just means "I have multiple incentives to talk myself into this one." A self-generated red flag.

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A strong start Through 15 games, Nationals third baseman Anthony Rendon has put up tremendous offensive numbers.

.397 batting average	.463 on-base percentage	.845 slugging percentage	6 home runs	18 RBI
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If Anthony Rendon and the Nationals fail to come to terms on an extension, he will enter the offseason as a coveted free agent after seven seasons in Washington.

Rendon is raising the stakes

The third baseman's torrid start puts heat on the Nationals to sign him to a contract extension

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

Ask Anthony Rendon to explain his tear to start this season, to reveal what's clicking with his swing, to maybe even compliment himself, and the response falls flat. That's Rendon. That comes with the screaming doubles and the diving stops, the six home runs and 18 RBI in his first 15 games following Tuesday night's 7-3 loss to the San Francisco Giants.

"I think just trying to stay within my approach and trying to get my foot down early and trying to be ready to hit and just

get in a good position," Rendon said after a two-hit game in Philadelphia last week. "Simple. And boring."

But the results aren't simple or boring. Rendon's 1.308 on-base-plus-slugging percentage — considered one of the best measures of a batter's production — is third in baseball, behind only Cody Bellinger and Mike Trout.

And neither is the context. Rendon will become a free agent when this year is over unless he signs a contract extension. Negotiations on a deal have slowed since the start of the season, according to three

people with knowledge of the situation, even if fans' chants of "Lock him up!" have not. There was incremental progress Tuesday, when two people said General Manager Mike Rizzo, principal owner Mark Lerner and Rendon met before the game. But the meeting took place in the family room by the Nationals' clubhouse and, according to one person familiar with it, was impromptu and did not set an agenda for where negotiations will go next.

The Nationals made an offer to Rendon
SEE RENDON ON D7

After a smooth start, Strasburg is rapidly roughed up

BY SAM FORTIER

Stephen Strasburg appeared to be headed toward his best outing of the season. The Washington Nationals starter mowed through the first six San Francisco Giants hitters he faced Tuesday night, his fastball steaming at 95 mph, his change-up keeping them off balance. He gave himself the lead with an RBI double in the second and protected it when the first hiccups came — a double in the third, a sharp single in the fourth. Strasburg pounded the zone, mixed in his

GIANTS 7,
NATIONALS 3

Pitcher yields three homers
for the first time in two years

Giants at Nationals
Today, 7:05 p.m., MASN

off-speed stuff and steered around danger. Then came the fifth.

Evan Longoria led off the inning, and he crushed Strasburg's two-seam fastball beyond the center field fence. The once-promising start began to slip away before derailing in what became a 7-3 Nationals loss at Nationals Park.

Two batters after Longoria's home run, Strasburg allowed a single to Gerardo Parra. Two batters after that, Steven Duggar belted another two-seamer that caught too much of the plate for a

SEE NATIONALS ON D7

For these 'long shots,' this could be it

Pennsylvania junior college program gives football players one final push

BY SAMANTHA PELL

SCRANTON, PA. — At 7:30 a.m. on the first day of spring football practice at Lackawanna College, Mark Duda stood on the third floor of the players' dormitory and pursed his lips around a small black whistle.

With a gleeful expression, Duda, the winningest active coach in the National Junior College Athletic Association, took a deep breath and blew five earsplitting chirps.

"Wake up!" Duda roared to the 100-plus 18- and 19-year-olds who

had been asleep in their twin-size beds.

The start of another football season had the coach excited, but Duda, 58, didn't wake his players for an early practice or weightlifting session. Instead, he was there to get them up in time to make their 8 a.m. classes.

As spring practice takes place at big-time college football programs across the country, the scene at Lackawanna offers a distinct contrast. Academics are not only a focal point at this small, two-year junior college in downtown Scranton; they are the

potential ticket out for former high school stars hanging on to dreams of playing Division I football. Players end up at this school for a variety of reasons, but for the majority it's because their grades or test scores kept them from attending a major university.

Lackawanna, which has established itself as a junior college powerhouse and finished undefeated last season, draws about a sixth of its roster from the D.C. area each season and is the closest option for DMV stars — it's a four-hour drive from Washington

SEE LACKAWANNA ON D5



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Lackawanna's Alonzo Mitchell, left, congratulates fellow freshman Norval Black, a Northwest High graduate, on his midterm grade.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Virginia guard Kyle Guy is the latest underclassman to announce his intention to enter the NBA draft. D2

GOLF

Shocked by Tiger Woods's return to glory at Augusta? So were surgeons who know what he went through. D3

HOCKEY

Presidents' Trophy-winning Lightning, Penguins are swept out of Stanley Cup playoffs in the first round. D8

Warriors' Cousins faces new questions

An uncertain summer looms again following his quadriceps injury

BY BEN GOLLIVER

The grand triumph of DeMarcus Cousins's comeback arrived in early April, when the Golden State Warriors center poured in a season-high 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in a blowout win over the Denver Nuggets.

Cousins, still yet to fully recover from a January 2018 Achilles' tendon tear that sidelined him for a year, gave Denver's all-star center, Nikola Jokic, more than he could handle. The matchup between the centers was "personal," Draymond Green said later, and Cousins seemed intent on announcing his return to being one of the league's top big men. He used textbook post moves, plowed through the paint, broke free on the fast break and drained three-pointers. After he was done making Jokic's life miserable, Cousins checked out of the game and peered toward Denver's bench, pretending to strain to see a far-off object.

The obvious implication: Cousins's competition might as well have been invisible.

That high moment, full of skill and braggadocio, has already become a distant memory after the 28-year-old Cousins suffered a torn left quadriceps during Game 2 of the Warriors' first-round playoff series against the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday, which an MRI exam confirmed Tuesday. Officially, the injury will sideline Cousins indefinitely, but

SEE WARRIORS ON D3

Game 3: Warriors at Clippers
Tomorrow, 10:30 p.m., TNT

Ovechkin's tussle shows he's all-in to win again

On Hockey

ISABELLE KHURSHUDIAN

RALEIGH, N.C. — As Alex Ovechkin exited the penalty box after his five-minute sentence, players on the Washington Capitals' bench stood and smacked their sticks against the boards in appreciation of their captain. Meanwhile, the crowd at PNC Arena booed. The central, polarizing figure of this first-round Stanley Cup playoff series between the Capitals and Carolina Hurricanes has arrived, and while it's no surprise that it's Ovechkin — he has played that role his whole career — how he got there says a lot about what kind of player he is these days.

Ovechkin's contributions tend to come in the form of scoring goals, but after three games he has just one, in Game 1. Instead, his most memorable moments in this series have been the two slick feeds that set up goals in Saturday's Game 2, the team-high 15 bruising hits he has delivered and his devastating punches to Carolina rookie Andrei Svechnikov in a shocking bout 11 minutes into Monday night's Game 3. Remember when Ovechkin used to get criticized for being one-dimensional in the spring?

SEE ON HOCKEY ON D8

Game 4: Capitals at Hurricanes
Tomorrow, 7 p.m., NBCSW, NBCSN
Capitals lead series, 2-1

No panic: Veteran group keeps its composure after Game 3 loss. D8

BASEBALL

MLB looks into racist messages sent to Cub

BY JACOB BOGAGE

Major League Baseball is investigating racist messages sent to Chicago Cubs pitcher Carl Edwards Jr. on Instagram.

The messages escalated beyond rude criticism to hate speech during Edwards's inauspicious start to the season, according to The Athletic, which first reported the news. In four appearances, the right-handed reliever has surrendered six earned runs in 1 1/3 innings for an ERA of 32.40. Opponents are batting .375 against him. The Cubs sent him to Class AAA Iowa earlier this month.

"We were shocked by the racist, profanity-laced social media message sent to Carl Edwards Jr. earlier this month," Theo Epstein, the Cubs' president of baseball operations, said in a statement. "We vehemently condemn the content of the message and are supporting Major League Baseball's investigation to identify the person responsible. In a sport that celebrates diversity and unites people from all backgrounds, we are appalled anyone claiming to be a fan would send divisive and bigoted insults to a player. . . . This type of reprehensible language and views cannot be tolerated in our game or society."

Baseball has struggled to counter fans' racist conduct toward players. Then-Baltimore center fielder Adam Jones told reporters that fans at Boston's Fenway Park subjected him to racist taunts and threw a bag of peanuts at him in 2017. Now with the Arizona Diamondbacks, Jones this month asked security at San Diego's Petco Park to remove a fan who cursed at him.

"These fans in sports, man, they're starting to get a little more brazen," Jones told the Arizona Republic. "I've said it many times, and obviously I've had altercations with fans. My biggest thing is, keep the banter polite — we suck, I struck out, the team's not good. Keep it light; keep it smart. There's kids in the stadium. But the second you start cussing me out like I'm a little kid, that's a no-no."

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QUOTABLE

"Shout-out to the San Francisco person at the corner today."

DOC RIVERS,

Los Angeles Clippers coach, explaining that he dropped roughly \$2,000 on the street Monday — and that a Good Samaritan pointed it out to him — before his team's playoff game against the Golden State Warriors. Rivers's Clippers then came back from 31 points down to win.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Guy enters NBA draft; U-Va. star could return

Virginia junior guard **Kyle Guy** announced Tuesday afternoon on social media that he is declaring for the NBA draft. The Cavaliers, at least as of now, will not return the three core players who sparked the run to the school's first national championship in men's basketball.

The announcement from the Final Four's most outstanding player came a day after teammates **Ty Jerome**, a junior, and **DeAndre Hunter**, a redshirt sophomore, also indicated they would declare for the NBA draft.

Guy, however, did not rule out playing his senior season at Virginia.

Guy made his intentions known on Twitter and Instagram, writing in part: "Today, I will be declaring for the 2019 NBA draft and signing an agent. I am diving into this with two feet to achieve my dream but I will leave the option of coming back to school open."

The deadline for non-seniors to submit their names for the draft is Sunday. Those players

are permitted to withdraw from consideration for the draft by May 29; they must also terminate agent relationships to regain NCAA eligibility.

Guy led Virginia in scoring (15.4), three-pointers (120) and free throw percentage (83.3) this season and was third in rebounding (4.5). His three free throws with six-tenths of a second left in Virginia's NCAA tournament national semifinal against Auburn were the difference in a 63-62 win.

Guy, Jerome and Hunter combined for 67 points during the Cavaliers' 85-77 overtime win against Texas Tech in the national title game.

— Gene Wang

Evina Westbrook is transferring from Tennessee after sharing the Lady Vols' lead in scoring this season. The 6-foot guard averaged 14.9 points and a team-high 5.3 assists.

PRO FOOTBALL

Two-time Pro Bowl safety **Reshad Jones** skipped the Miami Dolphins' first voluntary workout under new coach **Brian Flores**, who declined to specify a reason for the absence of the team's highest-paid player. Flores said Jones has been

attending meetings and remains part of the team. . . .

Chicago Bears tight end **Zach Miller** decided to retire after nearly losing his left leg on a gruesome play two years ago.

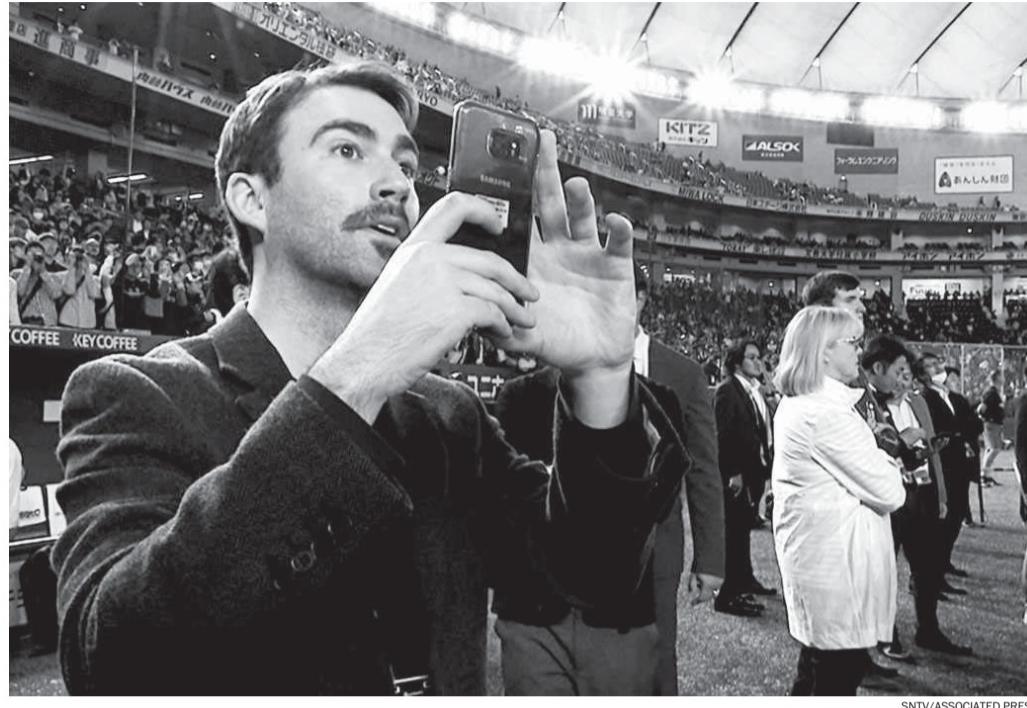
Miller, 34, had nine surgeries to address his injuries after he dislocated his knee and tore an artery on a potential touchdown reception at New Orleans on Oct. 29, 2017. He finished his career with 146 receptions for 1,631 yards and 15 touchdowns in 66 games for the Jacksonville Jaguars and Bears. . . .

Detroit Lions quarterback **Matthew Stafford** did not join his teammates at voluntary workouts. Stafford's wife, **Kelly**, announced this month that she plans to have surgery to remove a brain tumor. . . .

The New England Patriots re-signed defensive back **Jonathan Jones** and signed wide receiver **Demaryius Thomas**. In adding Thomas, the Patriots pick up a player who potentially can replace the output of **Chris Hogan** after he signed with the Carolina Panthers. . . .

The Atlanta Falcons signed offensive lineman **John Wetzel** to a one-year contract and former Alliance of American Football defensive end **Chris Flores**, who declined to specify a reason for the absence of the team's highest-paid player. Flores said Jones has been

BASEBALL



Joey Mellows watches batting practice before a game in the season-opening Tokyo series between Seattle and Oakland.

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'Baseball Brit' takes on epic trip

A 34-year-old from England is spending his life savings to see 162 games this year

BY JACOB BOGAGE

Joey Mellows likes to say his journey to 162 major league, minor league and independent league baseball games is an "authentic fan experience." But most fans haven't spent their life savings to traverse the United States while watching its national pastime.

Mellows, 34, from Portsmouth, England, fell in love with baseball while working abroad in South Korea.

He loves the game so much that he saved up enough money to make a cross-country American trek to see a season's worth of baseball in the same year that the Red Sox and Yankees will visit London in June for Major League Baseball's first games in Europe.

We caught up with Mellows, who goes by "Baseball Brit" on Twitter, to hear more about his journey. The questions and answers have been edited for length and clarity.

Q: What exactly is your plan? And how did you get this idea?

A: The plan is to do 162 games, major league, minor league, independent league. The idea came from, I guess, I'm just an English guy who never thought about baseball until he was 29. I moved out to work for a London-based company in Seoul in South Korea and went on holiday to Japan with my parents and saw my first baseball game there almost by accident in April 2015.

For some reason or other, the whole combination of numbers and stats and the action on the field and the atmosphere and everything, I just fell in love with baseball. So I went back the next night to Seoul and started rooting for my local team, the LG Twins.

This whole trip is about, we've got MLB coming to Europe for the first time. The NFL is very well-established now. We have NBA games. We've never had a Major League Baseball game in Europe, and they're bringing the big guns — the Red Sox and Yankees. So my goal this summer is to do a full season, but to also try to get more coverage, more interest and more enthusiasm in my own press back in the UK.

Q: Where have you been so far?

A: I started in Tokyo for the start of the Major League Baseball season there. The Oakland Athletics had two home games officially against the Seattle Mariners. I was there for Ichiro's last game. And then I flew from Japan to South Korea, where I used to live, for the start of the season there. And then I flew from Seoul to Seattle. I saw the Mariners play the Red Sox.

Q: What has surprised you the most about your trip?

A: I didn't think people would care about one guy and what he's choosing to do with his own money, but people seem to be interested in this strange journey that I'm going through. I'd say 99 percent of people have been incredibly supportive. I think lots of people sit at their desk and they stare out the window at their desk at work and they think: "What else could I be doing? I like baseball. How cool would it be to go to a whole season?" I'm just the idiot that is recklessly deciding to do that with my life savings.

It gives me the experience of the grind these players go through, the wives and their kids. It's life on the road, this kind of transient lifestyle that professional baseball players have. Maybe at the end of the journey I'll write a book or something if there's interest.

I'm recording my thoughts each day about what is happening, the highs and the lows of life on the road and the difficulty when you wake up in the morning and not knowing where you're going to sleep the next night.

Q: What do you make of the U.S.?

A: I mean, part of the trip is baseball. I watch a baseball game at the end of every day, but the other part of the trip I really like is just exploring your great country and seeing the differences between places like the Northeast and the Pacific Northwest. I've never been to the South; I've heard the cuisine is delicious and the way of life is a little slower. This is about baseball fundamentally, but it's also about the USA and exploring and learning more about your country.

Q: What games or trips are you most excited for?

A: I [was] at the Durham Bulls on Sunday. I saw the movie "Bull Durham" when I was getting into baseball, and that's kind of cool because that's like movie history. There's Red Sox-Yankees [on] Tuesday, the rivalry. And then next Thursday, there's this game in North Carolina.

Q: Why do you think baseball has a chance to catch on in the U.K.?

A: It offers something completely different to our other sports. Rugby is very frenetic. It's 80 minutes. Soccer is so entrenched in our society and it's 90 minutes and it's very tribal. It's really fiery, passionate fans. Baseball, it's a bit slower. It's three hours. You can bring a family. You've got all the other stuff around the game. You've got activities for kids. You've got things in between innings on the big screen that you can watch. You've got the opportunity to talk to people that you go to the game with and think and reflect during all the action.

With rugby and with football back home, there isn't that time to talk and think and reflect. There's just constant frenetic action. And cricket is too long. Cricket takes five days, if you go to a test match.

Baseball, I think, is the perfect amount of time. You get to go to a game and enjoy conversation with someone and enjoy the action as well.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Seahawks give Wilson unrivaled extension

BY MATT BONESTEEL

Russell Wilson and the Seattle Seahawks agreed to a new contract that will make the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback the NFL's highest-paid player, ESPN's Adam Schefter reported and the Seattle Times confirmed Tuesday morning.

Wilson tweeted a short video at 12:44 a.m. Pacific time, saying, "Hey Seattle, we got a deal" while in bed next to wife, Ciara.

Wilson, 30, had given the Seahawks a deadline of midnight Monday to work out a new deal; otherwise, he would not have any contract negotiations during the upcoming season. The sides had been negotiating for four days, Schefter reported, finally agreeing to a four-year, \$140 million extension that includes a \$65 million signing bonus and will keep Wilson in Seattle through 2023, when he will be 35.

Wilson will average \$35 million per season, topping the mark set by Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (\$32.5 million). The signing bonus also set a record, again beating out Rodgers (\$57.5 million). In all, Wilson is guaranteed at least \$107 million, and the contract also includes a no-trade clause.

Wilson was entering the final year of a four-year contract extension that he signed (also at the last minute) in July 2015 and paid him \$21.9 million annually, at the time the second-highest salary in the NFL (behind Rodgers's). The new deal means the Seahawks will not have to risk putting the franchise tag on their quarterback after next season to keep him, although Ian Rapoport of the NFL Network reported that the team was able to stick to its preference of not fully guaranteeing contracts.

"Russell loves this town, this team and these fans," Wilson's agent, Mark Rodgers, told the Seattle Times early Tuesday morning. "Part of the compromise involved his affection for all things Seattle. The idea of playing anywhere else was not nearly as appealing as playing right here, the place he and his family call home."

Considering that franchise quarterbacks are in such short supply, Seattle had little choice but to pay the asking price for Wilson, who has helped the Seahawks to six playoff appearances and a Super Bowl title in his seven NFL seasons. In 2018, Wilson set career highs for touchdown passes (35) and passer rating (110.9) while tying his career low with seven interceptions.

But Wilson's massive salary could make it difficult for Seattle to re-sign all-pro middle linebacker Bobby Wagner and top pass-rusher Frank Clark, who are in line for top-dollar contract extensions.

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DIGEST

TELEVISION AND RADIO

NBA PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND

7 p.m. Game 2: Indiana at Boston • TNT
8 p.m. Game 2: Detroit at Milwaukee • NBA TV
9:30 p.m. Game 2: Utah at Houston • TNT

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND

7 p.m. Game 4: Boston at Toronto • NBC Sports Network
8 p.m. Game 4: Nashville at Dallas • USA
10 p.m. Game 4: Calgary at Colorado • NBC Sports Network

MLB

1 p.m. New York Mets at Philadelphia • MLB Network
4 p.m. Cincinnati at Los Angeles Dodgers (joined in progress) • MLB Network
6:30 p.m. Boston at New York Yankees • ESPN
7 p.m. San Francisco at Washington • MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
7 p.m. Baltimore at Tampa Bay • MASN2, WTEM (980 AM)
10 p.m. Houston at Oakland • MLB Network

SOCCER

1 p.m. French Ligue 1: Paris Saint-Germain at Nantes • beIN Sports
3 p.m. UEFA Champions League: Tottenham at Manchester City • TNT
8:30 p.m. Copa Sudamericana: Union at Independiente Del Valle • beIN Sports

TENNIS

5 a.m. ATP: Monte Carlo Masters, early-round play • Tennis Channel

GOLF

7 p.m. LPGA Tour: Lotte Championship, first round • Golf Channel

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

3 p.m. Duke at James Madison • NBC Sports Washington
5:30 p.m. Minnesota at Wisconsin • Big Ten Network
7 p.m. Florida at Florida State • ESPNews
7 p.m. Georgia Tech at Georgia • SEC Network

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

6 p.m. Princeton at Penn • ESPN
7 p.m. Maryland at Georgetown • Fox Sports 1

COLLEGE GOLF

4 p.m. Western Intercollegiate, final round • Golf Channel
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Odom to a two-year deal. . . .

The Los Angeles Chargers will wear their distinctive powder-blue jerseys as their primary home uniforms in the 2019 season. They have worn the jerseys — always a fan favorite — sporadically since 1994.

TENNIS

Novak Djokovic struggled with his serve but reached the third round of the Monte Carlo Masters with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win over **Philipp Kohlschreiber** in Monaco.

Three-time Grand Slam champion **Stan Wawrinka** lost to last year's French Open semifinalist **Marco Cecchinato**, 0-6, 7-5, 6-3, after leading by a set and a break.

COLLEGE LACROSSE

Xander Dickson had seven goals and two assists, and **Dox Aitken** scored twice to set a Virginia record for career goals by a midfielder (95) as the No. 6 Cavaliers (10-3) beat Virginia Military Institute, 24-5, at Klockner Stadium in Charlottesville.

Virginia scored on its first seven shots.

— From news services and staff reports

Back in fine form: Woods's resurgence is a medical marvel

BY ADAM KIGORE

In April 2017, Tiger Woods announced he had undergone the fourth operation on his back in a little more than two years. At the time, Woods had not played in a major tournament in more than 18 months. Back spasms and related pain shooting through his leg had made it difficult for him to play with his two children or sit long enough to eat dinner at a restaurant. He didn't know whether he would play high-level golf again. The aim of the surgery, he said, was to recapture "a normal life" while giving him a chance to return to competitive golf and live "without the pain I have been battling so long."

Woods's victory Sunday at the Masters completed the most stunning sports comeback in recent history, testified to the durability of genius and, perhaps most fundamentally, endorsed the possibilities of modern back surgery. Woods could not have added an indelible capstone to his singular, tormented, celebrated career had his career not first been saved.

The moment that made Sunday's victory possible occurred two years ago, almost to the day, at the Texas Back Institute. Richard Guyer performed anterior lumbar interbody fusion surgery on Woods, fusing together his L5 and S1 vertebrae, most likely with titanium or high-grade medical plastic injected with synthetic protein or bone cells. The procedure, also called ALIF, relieved debilitating pain from a degenerative disk in his lower spine.

Whether a patient is a weekend hacker or one of the greatest golfers of all time, ALIF is a last resort. "For lack of a better term, it's a bailout procedure," said Stephen Banco, an orthopedic spinal surgeon at the Keystone Spine and Pain Management Center in Wyoming, Pa. It has been used for more than 50 years and is considered routine. Its rate of success has risen so high that it is used as the control for other experimental procedures to be measured against. But success typically means a patient recovers to the point of happiness, not athletic greatness. In the wake of Woods's Masters victory, experts expressed shock at the extent of his recovery.

"It's almost miraculous," said Jack Zigler, president of the International Society for the Advancement of Spinal Surgery. "On the one hand, you have somebody who's in great physical condition and extremely well motivated — it's the ideal patient. But on the other hand, he's going back to an unbelievable level of function. The likelihood you could ever get back there is small."

Success is painfully rare

Before Woods, the chances may have been nonexistent. Wellington Hsu, a professor of orthopedic surgery and neurological surgery at Northwestern University, has studied athlete recovery from spinal fusion surgeries. For golfers, he pegged a return after spinal fusion surgery with a "0 percent success rate."

Hsu has seen players return to the NBA, NHL and NFL with few



Tiger Woods had anterior lumbar interbody fusion surgery, a procedure that relieved debilitating pain for the five-time Masters champion.

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problems. He used PGA Tour pro Dudley Hart as a case study for golf. When Hart returned from spinal fusion surgery last decade, he could play well for two rounds, Hsu said, but pain and soreness prevented him from stringing four rounds together at his previous level. From that example, Hsu came to believe that the demands of playing golf after fusion surgery, owing to the rotational force of the swing, were greater than in any other sport.

"It's nothing short of amazing," Hsu said of Woods's triumph. "I never thought having a lumbar fusion would be compatible with return to play in golf — and I'm just talking about returning to play at a high level, not winning the Masters by any stretch of the imagination. When he had his surgery done, I had a lot of questions about what his prognosis was. I was probably giving as bleak of a prognosis as anyone could, just to get back to the sport."

Banco said he would have told Woods to expect to be relieved of pain, and to get back to a normal life, but a normal life without, say, winning the Masters.

"I get people back to golfing, but these are amateur golfers that want to play once or twice a week," Banco said. "This is a guy competing at the highest [level] four days in a row. It is remarkable that he did it. That's all I can say: It's absolutely remarkable. I would have never given him a chance."

Woods came back from a number of personal and physical trials: the public exposure, and attendant humiliation, of rampant extramarital affairs; a reported obsession with Navy SEAL training that diminished him

physically; torn ligaments in his knee; prescription drug addiction treatment spurred by a DUI arrest; the toll age extracts from any great athlete.

For all Woods confronted, it was his fourth back surgery that unlocked the possibilities on display at Augusta National. At one point before he turned 40, he once recalled in a Time interview, Woods collapsed outside his home and had to wait until his daughter found him lying there. "Sam, thank goodness you're here," he told her. "Can you go tell the guys inside to try and get the cart out?" On Sunday, at 43, Woods beat the world's best golfers and hoisted his son behind the 18th green in celebration.

"All of a sudden," Woods said Sunday, "I could actually swing a golf club again."

A significant procedure

The spine can be envisioned as a tower of building blocks with cushions in between. The blocks are vertebrae, and the cushions are disks. Trouble comes when a disk tears or breaks internally. A tear can cause a piece of the disk to push against a nerve, which leads to sciatic pain firing into a leg. An internal break means a shock absorber has broken, and mechanical back pain strikes.

Woods had a disk problem. Most likely, he had a disk both torn and broken inside. In 2015, Woods underwent three operations, the first two of which were discectomies — shaving down a disk to prevent it from bulging against a nerve. Those surgeries provided only temporary relief. The shaving of the disk eventually left him bereft of shock absorption.

The torque applied by a golf

swing would have magnified the intense pain he felt.

Why try multiple discectomies if ALIF is what saved Woods's career? Those initial operations, experts said, were not mistakes. ALIF is considered a more drastic measure, with less chance of allowing a top-level golfer to return to his best form.

"Anytime you deal with a golfer, especially a professional golfer, lumbar fusion is the absolute last treatment option you're willing to consider," Hsu said. "We really don't have a mode of success for these kind of procedures. That's why surgeons were choosing to be as conservative as possible for as long as possible."

The disk abutting Woods was the cushion abutting the lowest lumbar vertebra (L5) and the highest vertebra in the sacrum (S1). The sacrum is a large, triangular bone that anchors the spine at the back of the pelvis.

If Woods had any good fortune, it's that of any disk to derail his career, it was the one between the L5 and S1. At that level, the pelvis still provides protection, and the location takes less torque than higher levels of the spine.

"If you are going to have single-level fusion, the bottom level is the best place for it to occur," Guyer said in a statement on Woods's website announcing the procedure in 2017. "Some individuals are born with one less vertebra, which would be similar to someone who had a single-level fusion."

(On Monday, TBI Chief Development Officer Cheryl Zapata said the institute could not confirm or deny that Woods had been a patient, let alone make Guyer available for an interview, despite his prior comment.)

The surgery can be described through each letter of the acronym.

Anterior: where the incision happens. Guyer would have sliced Woods open at the front of his body with a small incision, moved behind his abdominal muscles and pushed aside his bowels without disturbing them. (This is considered minimally invasive; patients can stay in the hospital for as little as 23 hours.)

Lumbar: The surgeon operates on the lower spine, as opposed to the upper (cervical) portion of the spine.

Interbody: Between bones — in this case, the two vertebrae.

Fusion: Guyer would have effectively turned two bones into one, in the process removing the disk causing so much pain.

First, the surgeon removes the problematic disk. Next comes the fusion. When a surgeon fuses bones together, the goal is to trick them. The body's natural mechanism to heal bones is also the best method. A surgeon will clean the ends of the vertebrae to create bleeding, which prompts the body's natural reaction.

The vertebrae are grafted together with a substance from outside the body. In the early days, a surgeon would have used a piece of bone taken from the patient's pelvis for the graft. It worked great but also meant a longer recovery — sometimes a weeks-long hospital stay.

Doctors transitioned to bones from cadavers, which are still used, but rarely so. Typically, the bones are fused with titanium or high-grade medical plastic, often with two screws on the S1 side and one on the L5 side. The hardware itself will not sustain the fusion.

The material will be filled with something to promote bone growth — pieces of bone from a cadaver, bone cells or synthetic protein.

Essentially, Zigler said, the surgeon is creating "living rebar."

An ongoing challenge

Raymond Hah, assistant professor of clinical orthopedic surgery at USC's Keck School of Medicine, is a spinal surgeon and a recreational golfer. He finds Woods's performance inspiring for both reasons. He could see Woods adjust his swing after surgery, less fluid at first, "trying to accommodate his new anatomy," Hah said. More than his physical recovery, Hah marveled at Woods's resolve.

"It actually is kind of mind-blowing to see him come back from that really so quickly," Hah said. "I don't know if there's a great medical perspective on it, other than it's a pure testament to his ability and his mental toughness."

Moving forward, Woods will require maintenance and, more importantly, discipline to avoid a heavy schedule. Woods has said he will play fewer tournaments this season, and surgeons agreed that is wise. The surgery places Woods at risk in the future. Data suggest people who have undergone fusion surgery will see the level above their fused vertebrae — in Woods's case, the L4-L5 — wear down more quickly than the natural aging process.

"You look at his swing speeds, [and] you got to worry about the longevity of the next level of his spine," Hah said. "As I look at it, I would say there is some concern there."

Banco said the risk of increased degeneration is about 30 to 40 percent for an average person, but for a pro golfer placing excess torque on his lower spine, he believes the risk is higher.

"I wouldn't underestimate him," Banco said. "We have no data to support that, because he's so far outside the standard deviation."

The dramatic success Woods experienced may convince other sufferers of back pain to consider surgery. Zigler cautioned against that impulse. He said 95 percent of people do not need back surgery, and the other 5 percent need to go through structured, more conservative care first.

"I would tell the average golfer, 'Do not extrapolate this to your situation,'" Banco said. "I would say 99.9 percent of people need a little bit of physical therapy, because they're out of shape."

Still, Woods provides a success story. "This is something nice for us to point to," Hah said. "People can really have a high level of function and have a quality of life. Sometimes the perception is not that."

Woods's victory was inspiring in many ways. For those who have suffered debilitating back pain, it offered a unique kind of hope.

"We don't expect everybody to go out and win the Masters," Zigler said. "But it looks like it's possible."

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Latest injury assures Golden State's Cousins another offseason of uncertainty

WARRIORS FROM D1

it could end his postseason — the first of his nine-year career — after just 25 minutes over two games. While Golden State has options as it gathers itself in the wake of the diagnosis, Cousins is back at square one.

The defending champs move forward knowing this: In totality, their lineups with Cousins looked more overwhelming on paper than they did in practice. The mercurial center averaged 16.3 points and 8.2 rebounds as he bonded well with his new teammates, but the Warriors never delivered on the "all-star team" hype that accompanied his signing last summer.

Golden State's net rating was slightly better with Cousins on the bench than it was with him on the court. While less skilled than Cousins, backup Kevon Looney has been the Warriors' most reliable center because he is more disciplined defensively and uses fewer possessions on offense.

The March signing of Andrew Bogut gives Coach Steve Kerr another passable option in the wake of the injury, and it was reasonable to expect that Cousins's role was bound to shrink slightly as the playoffs continued. His limited defensive mobility made for challenges defending the pick and roll in certain matchups, and the Warriors deploy more small-ball lineups, featuring Green at center, in their toughest series.

Cousins will watch these twists and adjustments as a bystander after his best chance to resuscitate his market value in the short term slipped through his grasp. Last summer, the four-time all-star settled for a one-year, \$5.3 million contract with the Warriors after he failed to receive a lucrative offer elsewhere. At the time, the prospect of his long-term rehabilitation cooled his market. He turned to the Warriors as a chess move, knowing they would be patient with his recovery and offer him an extended postseason run to showcase his skills.

Everything was going to plan, more or less, until Cousins fell to the court Monday night with a noncontact injury and clutched his left leg in pain. Now, NBA executives interested in signing him are left weighing some grim facts: Cousins's injuries happened to the same leg, he has missed at least 10 games in six straight seasons, and he hadn't fully recovered his explosiveness and lift before his most recent issue. Instead of using the playoffs to prove that he is healthy and can contribute to a winning team, Cousins is stuck facing the same questions that dogged him last summer.

While cautious to render a definitive verdict, multiple league executives said they believe that a second consecutive season-ending injury will cost Cousins his shot at a major payday this summer.

"Nothing inflates value more



DeMarcus Cousins, who joined the Warriors on a one-year deal to rebuild his marketability after a torn Achilles' tendon, is out again.

than a strong playoff run," one executive said. "He hadn't answered the big questions. Now he's absent for the final exam."

The best-case scenario for Cousins, another executive said, had been to establish himself as an X-factor against top-level teams such as the Houston Rockets in the West and the Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors or Boston Celtics from the East. If Cousins could have been a reliable source of low-post offense and a passable defender in those matchups, a lottery team with a hole at center might have been tempted to roll the dice and cast him as a core building block.

"It's devastating for him," the executive said. "It's hard to sell

[the owner] on him having a major impact on wins and losses because we still haven't seen it. He reestablished some of his productivity [and stats], but he's a hard guy to go to bat for. I'm more worried about his health today than I was yesterday. I could see [Portland Trail Blazers center] Enes Kanter getting [more total money] than Cousins."

There are a few factors working in Cousins's favor. First, his injury reportedly will not require surgery, and his recovery period is expected to be shorter than his Achilles' rehabilitation. When Golden State signed him last summer, it did so knowing he might not play until the all-star

break. That's not the case this time.

Second, this year's class of free agent centers is not overflowing with talent. Boston's Al Horford, Toronto's Marc Gasol and Milwaukee's Brook Lopez are in desirable environments, so poaching them could be difficult. Nikola Vucevic of the Orlando Magic is bound to generate significant interest after his first all-star selection, but the other available names — DeAndre Jordan, Robin Lopez and Jonas Valanciunas, among others — are less intriguing.

One executive warned not to write off Cousins, suggesting that his market could stabilize by July, given the lack of available star power.

"There aren't enough real stars to satisfy all the teams that want one," he said. "Someone could get desperate. Dwight Howard did just fine [last summer, getting two years and nearly \$11 million in Washington]. He can't do worse than Dwight."

The knee-jerk consensus seems to be that Cousins will experience déjà vu come July, weighing short-term deals from lottery teams and mid-level offers, like Golden State's, from contenders. Most likely, he will be forced to "prove it" all over again.

This isn't totally his fault. The NBA's evolving style of play has changed the value and nature of his position in recent years, with many teams favoring versatile defenders who complement their

backcourt talent over do-it-all talents such as Cousins.

The Warriors loom as a question mark. Players and coaches have enthusiastically supported Cousins all season, and the organization has shown loyalty to players in the past. Look no further than Bogut, 34, who resurfaced in March after his NBA days appeared to be over. Golden State has made a point to carry extra centers for years to protect itself against injuries.

Yet the Warriors have more pressing matters: Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson will be free agents this summer, as will Luey. Facing the strong likelihood of being a luxury tax payer, General Manager Bob Myers must be judicious in filling out his supporting cast. One possibility: Golden State keeps the band together, offers Cousins a competitive salary of \$6.4 million with mid-level rights, then uses its mid-level exception to target another free agent. Doing so would help address the Warriors' lack of depth — they ranked 28th in bench scoring this season — though it would run up a massive roster bill. If Durant leaves, Golden State must decide whether it is still in position to absorb Cousins's health risks.

For Cousins, who leaned heavily on his family as he recuperated last year, there is a silver lining as he begins another extended rehabilitation: He knows that he has already survived worse.

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NBA PLAYOFFS ROUNDUP

Toronto, Denver win at home to get even in series

**RAPTORS 111,
MAGIC 82**

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Kawhi Leonard scored 37 points, Kyle Lowry bounded back from a scoreless playoff opener with 22, and the host Toronto Raptors routed the Orlando Magic, 111-82, on Tuesday night, evening their Eastern Conference first-round series at a win apiece.

Pascal Siakam had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Raptors, who never trailed and led by as many as 34.

Game 3 is Friday night in Orlando.

Despite playing in foul trouble for much of the night, Leonard finished with a career-playoff-high 15 field goals. He made his first nine attempts from inside the arc before missing a layup. He shot 15 for 22 before leaving to a standing ovation with 4:46 remaining and Toronto ahead 104-73.

Leonard's career playoff high is 43, set with San Antonio against Memphis on April 22, 2017. He made 14 baskets in that game.

Lowry, who missed all seven attempts in Game 1, shot 8 for 13 and added seven assists. Lowry snapped his scoring slump by splitting a pair of free throws at 10:48 of the first quarter, leading to thunderous applause. He was cheered again after hitting a three at 6:52.

Leonard said Lowry "led us in intensity," helping the East's No. 2 seed avoid a 2-0 hole.

"He did a great job of bouncing back," Leonard said. "He's a pro. That's what pros do; they



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Kawhi Leonard scored 37 points, on a career playoff-high 15 field goals, on Tuesday night. He had 17 points in the third quarter.

know it's just one game, and they come in the next game ready to play."

Toronto has won nine straight playoff games in which it makes more three-pointers than its opponent. Toronto shot 11 for 35 Tuesday; Orlando was 9 for 34.

The Raptors also dominated inside, outscoring the Magic 52-36 in the paint.

Aaron Gordon scored 20 points, Terrence Ross had 15, and Evan Fournier added 10 for the Magic, which won Saturday's Game 1, 104-101, on a tiebreaking three-pointer by D.J. Augustin with 4.2 seconds to go.

Nikola Vucevic, who shot 3 for 14 in Game 1, struggled again, going 3 for 7 and scoring six points.

Augustin, who had 25 points Saturday, shot 1 for 6. Seven of his nine points came at the free throw line.

Orlando didn't score for

almost five minutes to start the game, missing its first six attempts and four straight free throws. The drought ended when Gordon rebounded and scored after Vucevic's miss from the line at 7:14 of the first, ending an 11-0 Toronto run.

Leonard scored 12 points in the opening quarter as the Raptors led 26-18 after one. Lowry scored 11 points in the second and Siakam added six, putting Toronto up 51-39 at halftime. Orlando shot 13 for 40 in the opening two quarters.

Leonard connected of 7 of 9 attempts in the third, scoring 17 points. The Raptors took a 90-66 lead into the fourth.

"Leonard was great," Magic Coach Steve Clifford said. "What are you going to do? He was great."

• **NUGGETS 114, SPURS 105:** Jamal Murray missed his first eight shots before a scorching

fourth quarter in which he scored 21 of his 24 points, leading host Denver past San Antonio and knotting the teams' Western Conference first-round series at a game apiece.

The Nuggets were in danger of losing a second straight game at Pepsi Center after posting the NBA's best home record (34-7) during the regular season. They trailed 78-59 late in the third quarter before closing on a 55-57 run.

"We gave up [39] points in the fourth quarter — end of story," said Spurs Coach Gregg Popovich, who drew a technical foul during the Nuggets' comeback.

Nuggets Coach Michael Malone said he never considered benching Murray because he didn't want to crush his confidence. He said he took him aside at halftime and told him to take a deep breath and trust that his shots would start falling.

"Never once did I think about pulling him from the lineup," Malone said.

Good thing, too, because Murray, the goat in Game 1 after missing an open jumper and turning the ball over in the closing seconds, might have salvaged the Nuggets' season while going 8 for 9 from the field in the fourth quarter.

The series shifts to San Antonio, where the Nuggets haven't won since 2012, for Game 3 on Thursday night.

Paul Millsap added 20 points for Denver, and Nikola Jokic just missed his second triple-double of the series, scoring 21 points, pulling down 13 rebounds and dishing out eight assists.

The Spurs got 31 points from DeMar DeRozan, 24 from LaMarcus Aldridge and 17 from Derrick White.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' LACROSSE

Recent lesson helps keep Mustangs on task in win

**MARRIOTTS RIDGE 18,
SOUTH RIVER 9**

BY DAVID J. KIM

When South River called a timeout to regroup Tuesday night, there was an air of familiarity for the Marriots Ridge girls' lacrosse team. As the Mustangs trotted back to their bench, they recalled what had happened a week earlier.

The Mustangs were without their second-leading scorer, Eloise Clevenger, because of an ankle injury, forcing Brady to rely more on Hensh and her team's depth. Junior Gracie Kennedy and senior Katie Thompson contributed five goals and four goals, respectively.

"Eloise's [absence leaves] a gaping hole when she's not there," Kennedy said. "We had to change a few plays around and put people in different spots, but we do have a lot of depth. No matter who's out there, I think we'll be able to pick up that slack."

The Seahawks, who were led by three goals apiece from junior Alexis Grant and senior Kathleen Sullivan, had scored at least 13 goals in every game this season. They briefly got back into this one with four unanswered goals to cut Marriots Ridge's lead to 6-4, but their defense could not contain the Mustangs' offensive firepower for long.

"We knew they could come back any moment," Thompson said. "We knew we had to keep pushing it."

Marriots Ridge went on another 6-0 run to secure its victory.

After another nonleague game Thursday during spring break, the Mustangs get back to Howard County play next week. They are tied for first place with Centennial with four games remaining.

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BASKETBALL

Nuggets 114, Spurs 105

SAN ANTONIO MIN FG FT O-T A PF PTS
Aldridge 36:51 8-20 8-10 1-0 3 4 24
DeRoza 32:42 11-19 9-9 1-7 2 2 31
Poeltl 20:20 2-5 1-2 4-3 1 5 5
Forbes 20:20 3-5 1-2 4-0 1 1 5
White 31:56 7-11 2-2 4-0 1 1 9
Gay 28:06 2-9 1-1 3-4 3 1 5
Belinelli 22:32 3-5 1-1 0-1 1 1 8
Mills 20:20 2-5 0-0 1-3 5 2 5
Bertans 15:52 1-4 0-0 0-5 1 3 3
Walker IV 1:15 0-0 0-0 0-1 0 0 0
Pondexter 1:15 0-0 0-0 0-1 0 0 0
Motiejunas 1:15 1-2 0-0 0-0 0 0 2
Cunningham 1:15 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0
TOTALS 240 39-86 22-25 11-20 20 20 105

Percentages: FG, 45.3%; FT, 88.0%. 3-Point Goals: 5-18, .278 (Bellinelli 1-2, White 1-2, Mills 1-3, Bertans 1-2, Aldridge 0-2). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: 10 (Poeltl 3, White). Turnovers: 10 (White 3, Gay 2, Aldridge 2, DeRoza, Forbes, Mills, Poeltl). Steals: 3 (DeRoza 2, Forbes). Technical Fouls: coach Gregg Popovich, 3:41 fourth.

DENVER MIN FG FT O-T A PF PTS
Burton 25:35 1-10 1-4 0-5 3 2 3
Millaps 29:41 7-10 5-7 2-7 1 4 20
Jokic 39:26 7-15 5-6 13-8 4 2 11
Harris 35:03 10-16 0-1 0-5 1 3 23
J.Murray 36:35 8-17 6-7 0-2 4 2 24
Morris 23:31 5-10 1-1 0-6 0 1 11
Beasley 23:16 3-7 0-0 0-3 3 1 8
Plumlee 20:05 2-4 0-0 2-5 2 5 4
Craig 6:48 0-0 0-0 0-4 0 0 0
TOTALS 240 43-89 18-26 7-31 29 21 114

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NETS AND 76ERS TIED, 1-1
Game 1: Brooklyn 104, at Toronto 101
Game 2: at Toronto 111, at Philadelphia 102
Game 3: at Philadelphia 106, at Milwaukee 123
Thursday's game: Milwaukee at Detroit, 7
Friday's game: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 8
Saturday's game: Orlando at Toronto, TBD
Tuesday's game: Orlando at Brooklyn, 7
Wednesday's game: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 8
Thursday's game: Brooklyn at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Friday, April 25: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, TBD
x-Saturday, April 27: Brooklyn at Philadelphia, TBD

CELTICS LEAD PACERS, 1-0
Game 1: Orlando 104, at Toronto 101
Game 2: at Toronto 111, Orlando 82
Friday's game: Toronto at Orlando, 7
Sunday's game: Orlando at Brooklyn, 7
Tuesday's game: Orlando at Toronto, TBD
x-Friday, April 25: Orlando at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Saturday, April 27: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, TBD

WARRIORS AND CLIPPERS TIED, 1-1
Game 1: Golden State 121, LA Clippers 104
Game 2: LA Clippers 125, at Golden State 131
Thursday's game: Golden State at LA, Clippers, 10:30
Sunday's game: Golden State at LA, Clippers, 3:30
Wednesday, April 24: LA Clippers at Golden State, TBD
x-Friday, April 26: Golden State at LA, Clippers, TBD
x-Sunday, April 28: LA Clippers at Golden State, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

BUCKS LEAD PISTONS, 1-0
Game 1: at Milwaukee 121, Detroit 86
Wednesday's game: Detroit at Milwaukee, 8
Saturday's game: Milwaukee at Detroit, 8
x-Friday, April 26: Detroit at Milwaukee, TBD
x-Saturday, April 27: Milwaukee at Detroit, TBD

MAGIC AND RAPTORS TIED, 1-1
Game 1: Orlando 104, at Toronto 101
Game 2: at Toronto 111, Orlando 82
Friday's game: Toronto at Orlando, 7
Sunday's game: Orlando at Brooklyn, 7
Tuesday's game: Orlando at Toronto, TBD
x-Friday, April 25: Orlando at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Saturday, April 27: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, TBD

NETS AND 76ERS TIED, 1-1
Game 1: Brooklyn 104, at Philadelphia 102
Game 2: at Philadelphia 106, at Milwaukee 123
Thursday's game: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 8
Friday's game: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 8
Saturday's game: Orlando at Toronto, TBD
Tuesday's game: Orlando at Brooklyn, 7
Wednesday's game: Orlando at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Friday, April 25: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, TBD
x-Saturday, April 27: Brooklyn at Philadelphia, TBD

SPURS AND NUGGETS TIED, 1-1
Game 1: San Antonio 101, at Denver 96
Game 2: at Denver 114, San Antonio 105
Thursday's game: Denver at San Antonio, 9
Saturday's game: Denver at San Antonio, 5:30
Tuesday's game: San Antonio at Denver, TBD
x-Friday, April 26: Denver at San Antonio, TBD
x-Saturday, April 27: San Antonio at Denver, TBD

TRAIL BLAZERS LEAD THUNDER, 1-0
Game 1: at Portland 104, Oklahoma City 99
Game 2: Oklahoma City at Portland, Late
Friday's game: Portland at Oklahoma City, 9:30
Sunday's game: Portland at Oklahoma City, 9:30
x-Tuesday's game: Oklahoma City at Portland, TBD
x-Thursday, April 25: Portland at Oklahoma City, TBD
x-Saturday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Portland, TBD

ROCKETS LEAD JAZZ, 1-0
Game 1: at Houston 122, Utah 90
Wednesday's game: Utah at Houston, 9:30
Saturday's game: Houston at Utah, 10:30
Monday's game: Houston at Utah, 10:30
Wednesday, April 24: Utah at Houston, TBD
x-Friday, April 26: Houston at Utah, TBD
x-Sunday, April 28: Utah at Houston, TBD
x-Friday, April 27: Houston at Utah, TBD
x-Saturday, April 28: Utah at Houston, TBD
x-Sunday, April 29: Utah at Houston, TBD
x-If necessary

Clippers 135, Warriors 131
Late Monday

LA CLIPPERS MIN FG FT O-T A PF PTS
Gallinari 34:38 8-17 5-6 1-4 6 1 24
Gilleo-Alexander 31:33 2-5 0-0 1-0 3 4 4
Zubac 32:42 1-2 0-0 0-0 0 1 2
Brooks 32:02 3-5 2-2 0-0 1 1 12
Shamet 31:53 4-9 0-0 1-4 3 3 12
Harrell 32:11 9-9 7-9 1-0 2 5 25
Williams 32:28 13-22 8-10 2-2 11 1 13
J.Green 15:19 5-6 1-2 2-7 1 6 13
Chandler 10:16 1-3 0-0 0-2 1 2 2
Temples 9:56 2-4 2-2 0-1 0 3 7
Thornwell 0:33 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0
TOTALS 240 48-85 25-31 8-34 33 135

Percentages: FG, 48.3%; FT, 69.2%. 3-Point Goals: 11-34, .324 (Gilleo-Alexander 3-6, Green 2-3, Williams 2-4, Beverley 2-2, Harrell 0-1, J.Green 1-2, Temples 0-0, Thornwell 0-0). Team Rebounds: 8. Team Turnovers: 19 (Williams 19, Gallinari 3, Gilleo-Alexander 5, Zubac 1, Brooks 1). Team Steals: 5 (J.Green 2, Beverley 2, Harrell 2, Temples 1, Gilleo-Alexander 2, Gilleo-Alexander 1, Temples 1). Technical Fouls: coach Mike D'Antoni, 2:28 second.

Clippers 135, Warriors 131
Late Monday

LA CLIPPERS MIN FG FT O-T A PF PTS

Gallinari 34:38 8-17 5-6 1-4 6 1 24
Gilleo-Alexander 31:33 2-5 0-0 1-0 3 4 4
Zubac 32:42 1-2 0-0 0-0 0 1 2
Brooks 32:02 3-5 2-2 0-0 1 1 12
Shamet 31:53 4-9 0-0 1-4 3 3 12
Harrell 32:11 9-9 7-9 1-0 2 5 25
Williams 32:28 13-22 8-10 2-2 11 1 13
J.Green 15:19 5-6 1-2 2-7 1 6 13
Chandler 10:16 1-3 0-0 0-2 1 2 2
Temples 9:56 2-4 2-2 0-1 0 3 7
Thornwell 0:33 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0
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Raptors 111, Magic 82
Tuesday

ORLANDO MIN FG FT O-T A PF PTS

Gordon 32:36 18-22 1-5 2-5 2 1 20
Isaac 22:56 1-8 3-4 0-4 0 2 5
Vucevic 25:22 3-7 0-2 1-6 3-3 3 6
Augustin 23:28 1-6 7-1 1-1 4 2 5
Fournier 31:44 1-2 4-0 0-3 5-3 3 10
Ross 27:03 20-25 2-5 0-3 0 0 5
Carter-Williams 24:32 4-2 0-1 2-9 2 5 8
Birch 22:38 2-7 0-0 3-0 7 0 2 4
Iwundu 12:05 2-0 3-2 0-0 3-2



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Lackawanna College football players walk to the school's indoor facility for the first day of spring practice. The program lacks the glamour of the Division I schools that most team members aspire to attend.

Time at junior college helps football players get up to speed

LACKAWANNA FROM D1

and a two-hour drive from Philadelphia — looking for one final chance to make it to the big time.

"Our guys are more of the long shots," said Duda, who played at the University of Maryland and in the NFL, and has been Lackawanna's head coach since 1994. "When we got them, they were pretty damn good. It's not like they weren't good on the field. They were phenomenal players. They just weren't phenomenal students."

Duda and his players are aware of the stigmas that surround junior colleges, which often struggle financially and whose football teams have a reputation for welcoming players with behavioral issues, as depicted on the Netflix series "Last Chance U." The players don't want to be at Lackawanna; they need Lackawanna, and spring practice represents a critical part of their recruitment, with college coaches lining the sidelines in Scranton and searching for the next hidden talent from this makeshift farm system. The players hope to earn scholarship offers and perhaps even follow in the footsteps of junior college-to-NFL success stories such as Cam Newton, Alvin Kamara and Aaron Rodgers.

Duda, a member of the NJCAA Hall of Fame, knows it's possible, given the 400-plus players he has sent to Division I and the 15 who have eventually gone on to the NFL. But he starts with more modest goals: Get his players to class and help them earn the grades to become an NCAA academic qualifier.

Before they can get out, it becomes clear on this brisk morning in late March, they have to get up.

That's why he sits in his blue Ford Edge in front of the entrance to the dorm nearly every morning, waiting for his sleep-deprived players to pass him on their way to class a block up the hill.

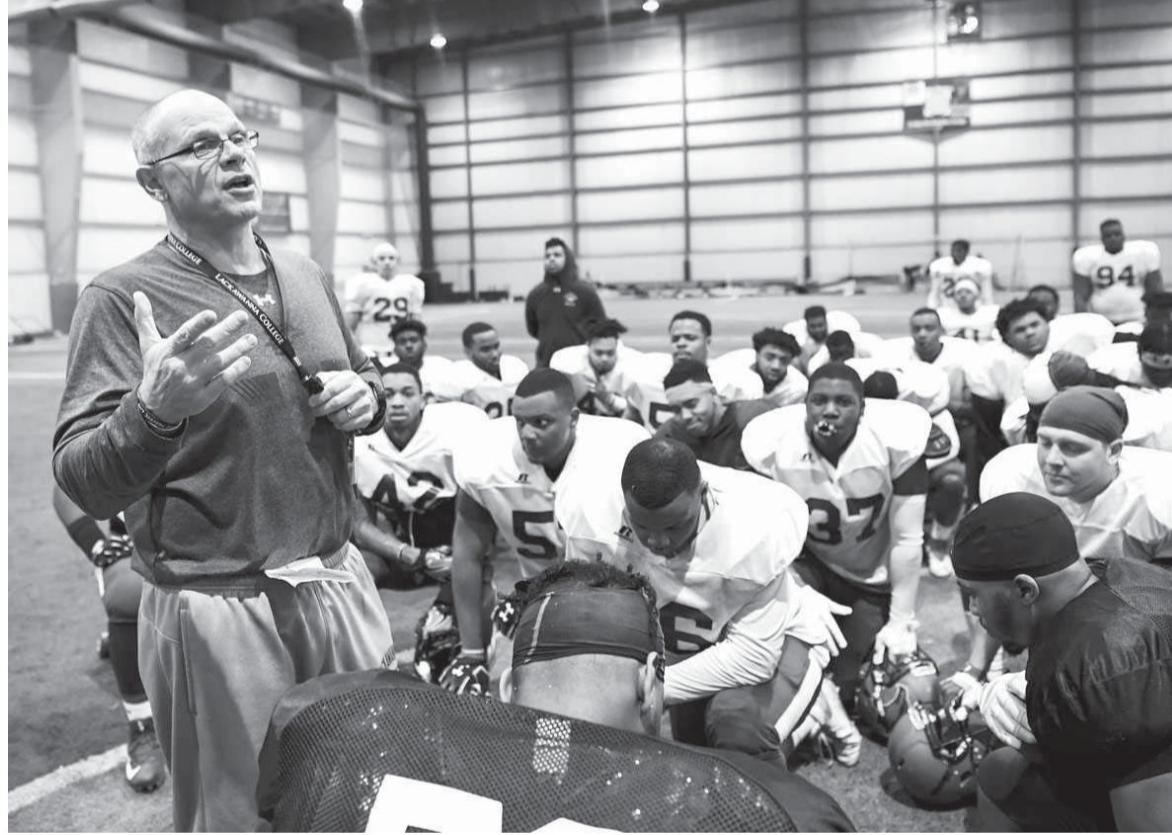
"Oh, look, here's another happy soul!" Duda shouted playfully to one player, giving each a full-hearted wave from the car.

Most can barely muster a glance, their hoodies closed tightly around their faces in the cold northeast Pennsylvania air. But some, if only for a second, return his energy with a greeting of their own.

Suck it up, do the work

One of those cheerful smiles belonged to Norval Black, an 18-year-old Northwest High graduate from Germantown. Black, who is Lackawanna's leading returning wide receiver, wore a Maryland flag headband as he walked up the cracked sidewalks. It was a reminder of where he came from and the goals he still hopes to achieve.

Black ended up at Lackawanna, he said, because of a mistake he made at age 14. He paid so little



Mark Duda has been Lackawanna's coach since 1994, the team's second year. "If we don't love the kids, what are we doing here?" he said.

attention to his grades at Northwest, where he was a gifted two-sport athlete, that by the time he had finished his sophomore year, it was mathematically impossible for him to reach the minimum 2.3 GPA required of a scholarship athlete.

(Players also have to earn a corresponding SAT or ACT score to gain eligibility.) He said he didn't realize it was such an issue until college coaches would tell him that they liked him as a player but couldn't spend time talking to him because of his grades.

"It is literally my fault," said Black, who posted a 2.9 GPA last semester, slightly better than the team average of 2.8 and clear of the 2.5 needed to transfer to a Division I school. "Me coming here, I had to face it. I stuck it up, do the work.... My whole life I have just been wanting to push myself to get that offer."

Black is majoring in business studies, one of the two majors — along with professional studies — offered to Lackawanna football players through the Football Academic Learning Community (FALC) program. The football team limits its majors to eliminate the possibility that any credits won't transfer to an interested university. The classes have the same curriculum standards as they do for all Lackawanna students, most of whom are there to complete their associate's or

bachelor's degrees, but the FALC classes are filled solely with football players.

Duda is only able to grant one full athletic scholarship each year, so even after players receive financial aid, most pay some part of the school's \$14,850 tuition. It's far from the near-automatic full scholarships of Division I.

While Black knew early on he'd have to attend Lackawanna to keep his dream alive, others, such as running back Rashard Jackson, find out at the last minute. Jackson, a Maryland native who graduated from Riverdale Baptist last year, signed with the University of Massachusetts in February 2018, but four days before he was supposed to leave, he found out his SAT score was too low.

"There was a point where I didn't know if I even wanted to play football anymore," Jackson said.

Jackson tried again and fell short by one point on his next standardized test, so off to Scranton he went. Most of the time, Lackawanna coaches will try to convince players who are teetering along the eligibility line during senior year to put Lackawanna on their radar as a backup option. But most kids don't care to listen — until they have no other choice.

"We are the Grim Reaper in January and Mother Teresa in July," Duda said.

'We're a family'

Although Duda is proud of the success stories among his former players, there are many more who don't reach the next level.

Some can't handle the academic pressure and decide junior college isn't for them. Others, Duda said, exhibit a "me-first" mentality that keeps them from buying into the team's standards. Others can't get enough exposure at the junior college level or simply don't impress coaches enough to earn an offer.

On average, Lackawanna officials said, the college places 30 to 40 players per year at four-year schools. Some then continue on to NFL careers, as Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Kevin White and Indianapolis Colts guard Mark Glowinski did.

"We are proud of our guys no matter what they do," said Duda, who had one player graduate and open an ice cream shop, another go on to make music videos for a living and several study to become teachers.

After completing his morning classes and scarfing down an omelet at the cafeteria, Black knocked on the door to Duda's office in the student union just before 2:30 p.m.

He was coming from his basic writing skills midterm and had news for offensive coordinator Josh Pardini and wide receivers

coach Mark McMaster.

"I passed my midterm!" he exclaimed. He had earned an 88 — his highest score of the semester — and the assistant coaches offered hearty congratulations.

"They just need a guy with an extra arm around them," Pardini said. "That's us."

At the end of all this, Lackawanna coaches see Division I as Black's next step. Black said he hopes to end up at a major program in California or, his ideal scenario, at the University of Maryland. He's waiting for coaches to talk to him.

With 15 minutes until he had to leave for practice, Black raced back to his dorm and threw on a white Maryland Crab Bowl T-shirt as rap music blared. One of his roommates started opening doors down the hall, playfully yelling at his teammates to hurry up. Black shook his head: "Man, [junior college] just brings everyone together. We're a family."

For years, Black said, he and his teammates saw football as more of a business than anything else. Now they realize that if this is their last chance to reach the next level, they should at least enjoy themselves. Last year, Lackawanna led the NJCAA in penalty yards because of excessive celebrations, at the encouragement of the coaches.

"Football doesn't last forever, but I wish it did," Black said.

Striving for scholarship offers

Black and his teammates exited the dorm and started their walk to practice, which was a little less than a mile and took them past several rundown buildings downtown, under an overpass and over railroad tracks. About halfway there, a man in a van drove by, rolled down his window and shouted to the group.

"Hey!" the man said. "Are any of you kids going D-I?"

Without hesitation, one yelled back, "We're all trying to go D-I!"

They arrived at the Riverfront Sports Complex, where practice takes place horizontally across three full indoor soccer fields, without any hash marks. Duda, who doubles as the defensive line coach, was already inside setting up drills. He has been at every Lackawanna practice and game since he was the defensive coordinator in 1993, the first year the program existed. He became head coach a year later.

Duda has been offered positions at bigger schools, but he turned them down. He and his coaching staff feel a sense of pride whenever one of their players goes on to play at a place such as West Virginia, Oklahoma, Syracuse or Penn State. If getting players to one of those programs means monitoring study hall, printing an essay in the coaches' office or helping work through a math problem, it's worth it, he said.

"If we don't love the kids, what are we doing here?" said Duda, who combed through some 1,500 applicants for the football program last season and completed background checks on every player. No one with a criminal record gets in, he said. Instead, Duda accepts kids who struggled academically, didn't get enough exposure in high school or were previously in Division I and needed time in junior college to find their bearings.

All come together as a collective unit at Lackawanna's first spring practice, and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., their talent was on display. Running backs bowed over linebackers, and pass rushers executed swim moves against offensive linemen. Some had bad days; Black was hard on himself for jumping too soon during one-on-one drills.

On the sideline were rows of players in street clothes who missed a mandatory study hall, morning run or positional meeting. The penalty at Lackawanna for missing one academic activity is being held out for a whole week of practice.

As practice came to an end, Duda stood in the middle of a huddle, looking like a proud father. He had gotten his players to class, and the first spring practice was in the books.

Now, he would turn his attention to the next step: "Let's get these kids some offers."

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National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Philadelphia	10	6	.625	—	5-5	W-1	Milwaukee	12	6	.667	—	5-5	W-2	x-San Diego	11	7	.611	—	6-4	L-2
New York	10	7	.588	½	5-5	L-1	Pittsburgh	9	6	.600	½	7-3	W-2	x-Los Angeles	10	8	.556	1	4-6	W-2
Atlanta	9	7	.563	1	6-4	L-1	St. Louis	9	8	.529	½	6-4	L-2	Arizona	8	9	.471	½	5-5	W-2
Washington	7	8	.467	½	5-5	L-2	Chicago	7	9	.438	4	6-4	W-2	San Francisco	8	10	.444	3	6-4	W-1
Miami	4	14	.222	7	2-8	L-3	x-Cincinnati	5	10	.333	½	4-6	L-2	x-Colorado	5	12	.294	½	2-8	W-2

BASEBALL**American League**

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	13	4	.765	—	8-2	W-2	Minnesota	8	6	.571	—	5-5	L-2	x-Houston	11	5	.688	½	9-1	W-9
New York	7	9	.438	½	5-5	W-1	x-Cleveland	9	7	.563	—	6-4	L-4	x-Seattle	13	6	.684	—	6-4	L-4
Baltimore	7	11	.389	½	3-7	L-1	Detroit	8	8	.500	1	5-5	L-4	Texas	9	7	.563	½	5-5	W-3
Toronto	7	11	.389	½	4-6	W-2	Chicago	7	9	.438	2	4-6	W-3	x-Oakland	10	9	.526	3	5-5	L-1
Boston	6	12	.333	½	4-6	L-2	Kansas City	5	12	.294	½	3-7	L-2	Los Angeles	8	9	.471	4	7-3	L-2

x-Late game

NOTES**PERSONNEL DEPT.**

Angels: OF/RHP Shohei Ohtani will not go on a rehab assignment before making his season debut with Los Angeles. Ohtani will instead face pitchers in simulated games.

Rays: Placed LHP Blake Snell on the 10-day injured list after he broke a toe on his right foot while he was at home Sunday night. The 26-year-old suffered the injury when he got out of the shower and then attempted to move a large granite item.

Red Sox: C Blake Swihart, once a top prospect and promising piece for Boston's future, was designated for assignment, and veteran Sandy Leon was called up from Class AAA Pawtucket.

Yankees: 1B Greg Bird went on the 10-day IL with a left plantar fascia tear.

BY THE NUMBERS

7.7

Percent of major league players who are African American, according to MLB.

6

Consecutive games in which Christian Yelich of the Brewers has homered against St. Louis, the first player to do so, after a three-run blast Tuesday.

QUOTEABLE

"I stink right now. I don't know what it is."

— Red Sox pitcher

Chris Sale, who allowed four runs and seven hits over five innings in Boston's 8-0 loss to the Yankees to drop his record to 0-4 this season.

STAR OF THE DAY**P James Paxton, Yankees**

The left-hander delivered eight scoreless innings, striking out 12 and allowing just two hits as New York blanked Boston.

TODAY'S GAME TO WATCH**Reds at Dodgers, 3 p.m.**

Sonny Gray (0-2, 2.03 ERA) looks for his first win of the season for Cincinnati against Walker Buehler (1-0, 8.25) of Los Angeles.

AL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games

BATTING

Anderson, Ch.453
Polanco, Min.420
Santa, Cle.400
Andrus, Tex.397
LeMahieu, NY.396
Trout, LA.382
Meadows, TB.375
Sanchez, NY.357
Vogelbach, Sea.354

HOME RUNS

Davis, Oak.10
Altuve, Hou.7
Bruce, Sea.6
Mancini, Bal.6
Meadows, TB.6
Sanchez, NY.6
Vogelbach, Sea.6

RBISantana, Sea.24
Davis, Oak.20
Molina, TB.17
Hanger, Sea.15
Encarnacion, Sea.14
Moncada, Chi.14
Voit, NY.14

Berriso, Min.230

ERA

Glasnow, TB.053
Shoemaker, Tor.175
Stroman, Tor.199
Bauer, Cle.205
Snell, TB.216
Morton, TB.218
Berrios, Min.230

SAVES

Greene, Hou.8
Osuna, Hou.7
Hand, Cle.5
Treinen, Oak.5
Allen, LA.4
Alvarado, TB.4
Colome, Chi.4
Giles, Tor.4
Leder, Tex.4

STRIKEOUTS

Cole, Hou.36
Stern, TB.36
Bauer, Cle.32
Verlander, Hou.30
Boyd, Det.29
Rodon, Chi.29
Berrios, Min.28
Morton, TB.28
Junis, KC.24
Phillies 14, Mets 3

Scott Kingery and J.T. Realmuto each finished with three hits and five RBI, helping Philadelphia grab a 10-0 first-inning lead on the way to a blowout of New York.

NEW YORK AB R H BIBBSO AVG
Nimmo cf. 0 0 0 0 1 0 .241
Legares cf. 2 1 0 0 0 2 1 .219
Alonso rf. 2 1 0 0 0 1 0 .203
Broxton lf. 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 .231
Cano 2b. 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 .200
Conforto rf. 3 1 1 1 1 0 0 .313
Ramos c. 3 1 2 0 0 2 0 .321
McNeil lf. 3 0 2 0 0 0 0 .418
Smith 1b. 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 .450
Rosario ss. 4 0 1 0 0 0 1 .265
Davis 3b. 4 0 2 0 0 1 0 .286
Gagnon p. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Sewald p. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
TOTALS 33 3 10 3 3 8 —

PHILA. AB R H BIBBSO AVG
McCuthen lf. 5 2 2 0 0 1 0 .283
Segura ss. 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 .328
Knapp 1b. 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 .133
Harper rf. 2 3 1 0 1 0 0 .276
Herrera ph-cf. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 .262
Realmuto c. 5 3 3 5 0 0 0 .263
Kingry 3b-ss. 4 2 3 5 0 0 0 .524
Hernandez 2b. 3 1 1 2 0 0 0 .228
Altherr cf-rf. 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 .059
Franco 1b-3b. 3 1 1 3 0 0 0 .259
Pivetta p. 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 .200
Williams ph. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 .214
Eickhoff p. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
TOTALS 39 14 13 14 3 5 —

NEW YORK IP H RERBSSO ERA
Matz 0 4 8 6 1 0 .496
Gagnon 5 1 7 6 5 1 5 8.44
Sewald 2 2 0 0 1 0 .225
PHILA. IP H RERBSSO ERA
Pivetta 5 7 3 3 3 2 8.35
Eickhoff 4 3 0 0 0 0 0 .000
WP: Pivetta (2); LP: Matz (1).
SC: Eickhoff (1). Matz pitched to 5 batters in the 1st. Inherited runners-scored: Sewald 1-0; HBP: Pivetta (Alonso), Matz (Harper); Sewald (Kingry).
WP: Gagnon. T: 3:07. A: 43,933 (43,647).

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Yankees 8, Red Sox 0

James Paxton struck out 12 in his first taste of baseball's biggest rivalry, Boston ace Chris Sale found his fastball but not better results, and New York surrendered just three hits.

Paxton pitched two-hit ball for eight innings, walking one and going to just two three-ball counts.

Pittsburgh's Joe Musgrove allowed his first two earned runs of the season.

PITTSBURGH AB R H BIBBSO AVG
Frazier 2b. 4 0 0 0 1 0 .212
Marte 2b. 4 1 1 2 0 0 2 2.13
Cervelli c. 5 0 0 0 0 0 2.17
Bell 1b. 4 1 1 2 0 0 2.309
Me Cabrera dh. 4 1 1 0 0 0 0 .261
TOTALS 28 4 6 4 5 9 —

DETROIT AB R H BIBBSO AVG
Harrison 2b. 4 0 0 0 1 0 .276
Martinez ss. 4 1 1 2 0 0 2 2.23
Cervelli c. 5 0 0 0 0 0 2.176
Bell 1b. 4 1 1 2 0 0 2.309
TOTALS 37 5 8 5 11 1 —

DETROIT IP H RERBSSO ERA
Harrison 2b. 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 .123
Castellanos dh. 5 0 1 0 0 0 0 .325
Mi Cabrera dh. 5 1 1 0 0 0 0 .254
Gordon rr. 4 1 1 0 0 0 0 .265
TOTALS 28 4 6 4 5 9 —

NEW YORK AB R H BIBBSO AVG
LeMahieu 2b. 5 1 1 1 0 0 2 .377
Bogaerts ss. 4 0 1 0 0 0 1 .338
Martinez cf. 4 0 1 0 0 0 0 .236
Moreland 1b. 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 .236
Nunez 2b. 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 .217
Devers 3b. 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 .246
Leon c. 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 .200
Richard Jr. cf. 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 .160
TOTALS 30 0 3 0 1 12 1 —

DETROIT AB R H BIBBSO ERA
Harrison 2b. 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 .123
Castellanos dh. 5 0 1 0 0 0 0 .325
Mi Cabrera dh. 5 1 1 0 0 0 0 .254
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Brandon Belt of the Giants heads home in the sixth as Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg collects himself Tuesday at Nationals Park.

Giants go deep with three homers to beat Strasburg

NATIONALS FROM D1

two-run homer and a 3-1 Giants lead.

Many pitchers struggle with runners on base, but Strasburg is a special case. According to tOPS+, an advanced metric that compares a pitcher's performance with men on base against his performance without men on base, Strasburg is the sixth-worst pitcher in the major leagues with men on among 53 active pitchers with at least 1,000 career innings pitched.

In short, Strasburg struggles to stop bad innings from snowballing.

"I wouldn't really say, like, 'piled up,'" Strasburg said of the runs he allowed. "A guy put a good swing on the ball. It was just one of those nights."

Nationals Manager Dave Martinez saw Strasburg wanted to go in with those two-seamers to Longoria and Duggar and appreciated the approach, but he believed Strasburg needed to "stay with the plan" to prevent big innings. This is not the first time they have talked about sticking to the script, Martinez emphasized.

"He had a good plan going into the game," Martinez said. "Those two pitches, he got away from it a little bit. He's just got to continue to stay with the plan."

Strasburg surrendered another home run in the sixth, this one to first baseman Brandon Belt, which meant Strasburg had given up three home runs in a game for the first time since June 2017. Suddenly, a Giants offense that had been no-hit through eight innings Sunday in its previous game, that entered with the



Dave Martinez was ejected by home plate umpire Tony Randazzo.

lowest on-base percentage in the majors (.259) and that had hit 10 home runs all season, looked like a juggernaut.

Strasburg was lifted after the sixth, having allowed four runs on six hits with eight strikeouts and no walks. Washington's bullpen did nothing to quiet concerns about its effectiveness as San Francisco (8-10) added two runs in the seventh and another in the eighth.

"It's important to just kind of stay focused, focus on the things that you're working on, focus on the process," Strasburg said. "It's" — he checked his watch — "April 16. There's a lot of season left, and a lot of things can change very fast."

The loss was a discouraging start to a grueling stretch for the Nationals (7-8), who embarked Tuesday on a run of 26 games in 27 days across six cities and four

time zones.

Strasburg was outpitched by Giants starter Dereck Rodriguez, whose father, Hall of Famer Ivan Rodriguez, caught Strasburg's major league debut nine years ago. The Nationals looked as though they would chase Rodriguez early, drawing two walks in the first inning and getting back-to-back doubles by Wilmer Difo and Strasburg in the second to take a 1-0 lead, but, in a situation that is becoming familiar, they couldn't deliver the knockout blow. Rodriguez settled in and did not allow another run in his five innings.

"He doesn't light up the radar gun, but he knows how to pitch," Nationals catcher Kurt Suzuki said. "He knows how to move the ball around, and pitchers that do... find times to make a pitch. That's what he did tonight."

In the fifth, with the Nationals

now trailing after Strasburg's rough inning, hot-hitting third baseman Anthony Rendon came to the plate with a runner on first and two out.

Martinez had voiced his frustration with the umpiring all night — mostly about balls and strikes — and when Rendon struck out looking on a changeup that looked too high, the manager said he yelled, without cursing, "You got to be better than that," at home plate umpire Tony Randazzo.

On the spot, Randazzo gave Martinez his second career ejection.

"What really irritated me was him putting his hand up in my face," Martinez said. "I can tolerate a lot of things. Don't do that. I have a lot of respect for umpires — everybody knows that. I typically don't complain too much about them."

"But, you know, him walking towards our dugout when I'm in the dugout... I hope the league looks at that because, like I said, I didn't say much to really get tossed."

Martinez charged from the dugout steps and onto the field. He barked at Randazzo, and then he barked some more.

When Martinez finally strode back toward his dugout, the two-run deficit somehow seemed larger. For the Nationals, this was supposed to be a series to establish themselves and spur an early-season run by dispatching a middling ballclub that had just flown across the country hoping for a spark. The series could still turn out that way, but Tuesday, the Nationals looked like the team in need of a jump-start.

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Giants 7, Nationals 3

SAN FRANCISCO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Duggar rf.....	5	1	2	2	0	1	.236
Panik 2b.....	5	1	1	0	0	2	.200
Posey c.....	5	0	0	0	0	1	.192
Belt 1b.....	4	2	2	1	0	1	.237
Crawford ss.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	.217
Longoria 3b.....	4	1	1	1	0	1	.200
Perez cf.....	3	1	2	1	0	1	.333
Parra lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	.111
Rodriguez p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Moronta p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Sandoval ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Dyson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Watson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Solarte ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	.179
Melancon p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Smith p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
TOTALS	37	7	10	7	2	11	—

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Eaton rf.....	5	1	2	0	0	0	.308
Dozier 2b.....	2	0	0	2	1	2	.152
Kendrick ph-2b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	.471
Rendon 3b.....	3	0	1	1	1	1	.397
Soto lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	.226
Zimmerman 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	.188
Suzuki c.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	.227
Difo ss.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	.214
Strasburg p.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	---
Williams p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Grace p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Adams ph.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	.211
Rosenthal p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Sipp p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Taylor ph.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	.250
Robles cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	33	3	8	3	5	10	—

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E: Grace (2). LOB: San Francisco 6, Washington 8. 2B: Pillar (2), Parra (3), Eaton (3). Difo (1), Strasburg (1). HR: Longoria (2), off Strasburg; Duggar (2), off Strasburg; Belt (4) off Strasburg; Adams (1), off Dyon. RBB: Duggar (2) (3), Panik (3), Belt (9), Longoria (4). Pillar (14), Parra (4), Rendon (18), Strasburg (1), Adams (5). SB: Pillar (3). CS: Dozier (1), Robles (1). GIDP: Posey. DP: Washington 1 (Difo, Dozier, Zimmerman).

SAN FRANCISCO IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Rodriguez 5 5 1 3 6 98 3.63

Moronta 1 0 0 0 1 2 17 3.12

Dyon 0.2 3 2 2 0 2 13 2.89

Watson 0.1 0 0 0 0 0 1 3.50

Melancon 1.0 1 0 0 0 1 0 18 0.00

Smith 0.2 0 0 0 0 0 5 1.35

WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Strasburg 6 6 4 4 0 8 97 5.56

Williams 0.1 1 2 2 1 0 11 0.00

Grace 1 1 0 0 0 1 12 8.53

Rosenthal 1 1 1 1 2 2 7 40.5

Sipp 1 0 0 0 0 14 13.5

WP: Grace (2-2); LP: Strasburg, (1-1).

Williams pitched to two batters in the 7th.

Inherited runners-scored: Watson 1-0, Smith 1-0, Grace 1-0, Rosenthal (Belt).

T: 3:16. At: 22,334 (41,313).

HOW THEY SCORED

NATIONALS SECOND

Kurt Suzuki lines out, Wilmer Difo doubles. Stephen Strasburg doubles. Wilmer Difo scores. Victor Robles flies out. Adam Eaton flies out.

Nationals 1, Giants 0

Giants Fifth

Evan Longoria homers. Kevin Pillar grounds out. Gerardo Parra singles. Gerardo Rodriguez strikes out. A foul ball scores Dugger, homers. Gerardo Parra scores. Joe Panik called out on strikes.

Giants 3, Nationals 1

Giants Sixth

Buster Posey strikes out swinging. Brandon Belt homers. Brandon Crawford strikes out swinging. Evan Longoria grounds out.

Giants 4, Nationals 1

Giants Seventh

Kevin Pillar walks. With Gerardo Parra batting, Kevin Pillar walks. Pablo Sandoval pinch-hits for Reyes Moronta. Pablo Sandoval strikes out swinging. Steven Dugar reaches on error. Gerardo Parra to third. Fielding error by Matt Grace. Joe Panik singles. Steven Dugar to second. Gerardo Parra scores. Buster Posey grounds out.

Giants 5, Nationals 3

Giants Eighth

Brandon Belt by pitch. Brandon Crawford walks. Brandon Belt to second. Evan Longoria called out on strikes. Kevin Pillar singles. Brandon Crawford to second. Kevin Pillar scores. Gerardo Parra strikes out swinging. Yeneris Solarte pinch-hitting for Tony Watson. Yeneris Solarte pops out.

Giants 7, Nationals 3

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UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Barcelona and Ajax advance to semifinals

BARCELONA 3, MAN. UNITED 0

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lionel Messi made sure there was no memorable Champions League comeback for Manchester United at Camp Nou this time.

Messi scored two early goals to help Barcelona beat visiting United, 3-0, on

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

NHL ROUNDUP

Presidents' Trophy-winning Tampa Bay, Pittsburgh swept out of postseason

BLUE JACKETS 7,
LIGHTNING 3

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Tampa Bay Lightning ended up on the wrong side of NHL history, getting swept in the first round of the playoffs after one of the best regular seasons ever.

The Columbus Blue Jackets capped a stunning sweep of the Presidents' Trophy winners with a 7-3 victory Tuesday night at home. Tampa Bay became the first team in the expansion era, which began in 1967-68, to go winless in the first round of the playoffs after leading the league in points during the regular season.

And what a season it was. Tampa Bay tied the NHL record for

wins with 62 and amassed 128 points, fourth in NHL history.

The Blue Jackets didn't clinch the second Eastern Conference wild-card spot until the season's 81st game. But they outplayed the Lightning with a smothering forecheck and stellar goaltending from Sergei Bobrovsky, who finished with 30 saves.

"They were the better team," Tampa Bay captain Steven Stamkos said. "They executed their game plan. I don't know what to say. If we had the answers, we would have found a way to win a game."

Columbus posted its first post-season series win in its fifth try and advanced to play the winner of the Boston-Toronto series, which the Maple Leafs lead 2-1.

With Columbus clinging to a 4-3 lead in the third period, Tampa Bay had momentum but

couldn't solve Bobrovsky. The Blue Jackets' final three goals came late in the period after the Lightning pulled goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy for an extra skater.

Rookie Alexandre Texier, who was brought over after his season ended in the Finnish league, scored his first NHL goal and later added one of the empty-netters. A dozen players scored for Columbus in the series.

Stamkos, Cedric Paquette and Brayden Point scored for Tampa Bay, which never led.

• ISLANDERS 3, PENGUINS 1:

Jordan Eberle scored for the fourth straight game, Robin Lehner stopped 32 shots, and visiting New York finished off the Penguins in Pittsburgh in Game 4 to pull off a stunning sweep.

Josh Bailey set up Brock Nelson's go-ahead goal late in the first period and added an empty-

net score with 38 seconds remaining as the Islanders easily captured the franchise's second post-season victory in 26 years.

New York trailed for less than five minutes across four games against the Penguins, whose 13th straight post-season appearance ended quickly. Pittsburgh managed just six goals in the series.

The Islanders allowed the fewest goals in the league during the regular season, then backed it up with 12-plus periods of sound hockey that has become their calling card under first-year coach Barry Trotz, who led Washington to the Stanley Cup last season.

After Jake Guentzel ripped a shot past Lehner 35 seconds into the game for the first goal of the series by Pittsburgh's top line, the Islanders quickly responded.

Eberle finished a two-on-one to

even it at 1 just 1:34 after Guentzel put Pittsburgh in front.

The Islanders, who had their best regular season in 35 years, went ahead with 1:54 to go in the first period when Nelson flicked a shot over Pittsburgh goaltender Matt Murray's right pad.

Sidney Crosby's assist on Guentzel's goal moved him past Steve Yzerman and into 10th place on the NHL's all-time points list (186).

Lehner stopped 135 of the 141 shots he faced in the series.

Kings hire McLellan as coach

Todd McLellan was hired as coach of the Los Angeles Kings, taking over a two-time Stanley Cup-winning franchise that slumped to the NHL's second-worst record this season.

McLellan replaces Willie Desjardins, who wasn't retained after

he replaced John Stevens early in the season and did little to halt the Kings' precipitous slide. Although much of the core talent remains from the Kings' championship-winning teams in 2012 and 2014, Los Angeles finished 31-42-9 in its worst season since 2007-08.

The 51-year-old McLellan has ample head coaching experience with two of the Kings' Pacific Division rivals.

He spent seven years as coach of the San Jose Sharks, making six playoff appearances from 2009 to 2014, reaching the Western Conference finals twice and winning the 2009 Presidents' Trophy.

After getting fired in 2015 when San Jose failed to make the playoffs, McLellan spent more than three seasons coaching the Edmonton Oilers before being fired Nov. 20 following a 9-10-1 start.

Experience keeps Capitals from pressing the panic button

Backstrom: Team must 'stick to the game plan'

BY SAMANTHA PELL

RALEIGH, N.C. — Washington fourth-line center Nic Dowd stood in the bowels of PNC Arena after the Capitals' 5-0 loss to the Carolina Hurricanes on Monday night. Out of his pads and wearing casual team gear, he watched highlights from the game on a nearby TV.

Standing in silence, eyes fixed on the replays in front of him, Dowd's demeanor mirrored the rest of the Capitals' dressing room after their Game 3 defeat. From center Nicklas Backstrom, to forward Lars Eller to captain Alex Ovechkin, the veteran group was calm. More than anything, the Capitals knew this game doesn't decide the series, and Washington showed no sense of panic heading into Thursday's Game 4 in Raleigh with its two-game series lead cut in half.

"[Monday] was a little step back for us, and now we have to take a step forward the next game," Eller said. "We know what we're capable of."

As defending Stanley Cup champions, the Capitals know how to regroup, move forward and bounce back. With a veteran team still holding a 2-1 advantage in the best-of-seven series, the group has the experience and self-awareness to recognize its errors and what it takes to fix them. The Capitals won't throw away the tape from the disappointing Game 3, Coach Todd Reirden said. Instead, they will use it — like Dowd was trying to do just minutes after the game.

"You're obviously going to have your ups and downs through the playoffs, highs and lows, but overall you've just got to make sure you manage the game and make sure you do the right things at the right time," Backstrom said. "As this group maybe proved last



Carolina grabbed momentum Monday by routing Washington, but the Capitals, thanks to playoff savvy gained last year, remain confident.

year, we kept calm. If anything happens — you score a goal or you let in a goal — you've got to keep calm, I think, and make sure you stick to the game plan."

The Capitals are no strangers to playoff adversity. Last year, they climbed out of a 2-0 hole to open the first round against Columbus, vanquished their demons by finally beating Pittsburgh in the second round, lost three straight after opening a 2-0 series lead against Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference finals, and then, at last, bounced back

after a Game 1 loss to Vegas in the Stanley Cup finals to win four straight en route to the franchise's first Stanley Cup.

"We're more prepared mentally and emotionally to handle stuff than we've ever been," General Manager Brian MacLellan said before the playoffs. "Having success in those critical moments, I think, gives everybody a little confidence that they can handle it. You look at teams that are always looking to add guys who have won before. We have a team full of them. That's obviously a

positive sign."

Reirden said he expects his leadership group, which he called the strongest in the league, to spearhead the response in Game 4. This team knows where its cracks are and how to fix them.

"We're far from a finished product at this point," Reirden said. "We're just looking to try to get better every day, and we took a step back in some areas in Game 3 and I expect us to make those improvements and put forth a better result and a better outcome on Thursday."

Multiple inefficiencies were spotlighted Monday, including the Capitals' defensive struggles, their inability to get the puck out of their end, the lack of production from their bottom-six forwards and struggles on the power play after a strong Game 1.

"They've been better at [the power play] than us the last two games, and we need to have a different, better plan in place to be able to capitalize in those situations when we get on the power play or need a big kill at the right time of the game,"

Reirden said.

Most telling Monday night was Carolina's ability to combat Washington's physical style. The Capitals were still bruisers throughout, but Carolina stayed on the Capitals with an aggressive forecheck that has started to give the Capitals fits in the offensive zone. Washington has been used to being the more physical team in the playoffs, and that played a major role in why they were able to win games last spring.

"They came out hard, and they played physical," Backstrom said of the Hurricanes in Game 3. "That's the way they did it. I think we just have to learn from it and make sure we adjust and get better and go at them on Thursday."

The Hurricanes know they can't expect the Capitals to come out flat for the second game in a row. Two days off between games will provide a chance for the players to recover and refresh before they hit the ice again.

"I think when you are a veteran team that knows how to win and has won, sometimes, they know they are still up 2-1," Hurricanes Coach Rod Brind'Amour said. "They are halfway through that game going — and you can see it — they kind of went, 'all right,' and they were thinking about the next game. So we weren't, and that's why you get it to look like that. We understand that it is going to be a whole new game [Thursday]."

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ON HOCKEY

It's playoff hockey': Ovechkin has been doing much more than just scoring goals

ON HOCKEY FROM D1

I don't know if there's words exchanged, but one guy's gloves come off way first and that's Ovi's. That's not our guy's."

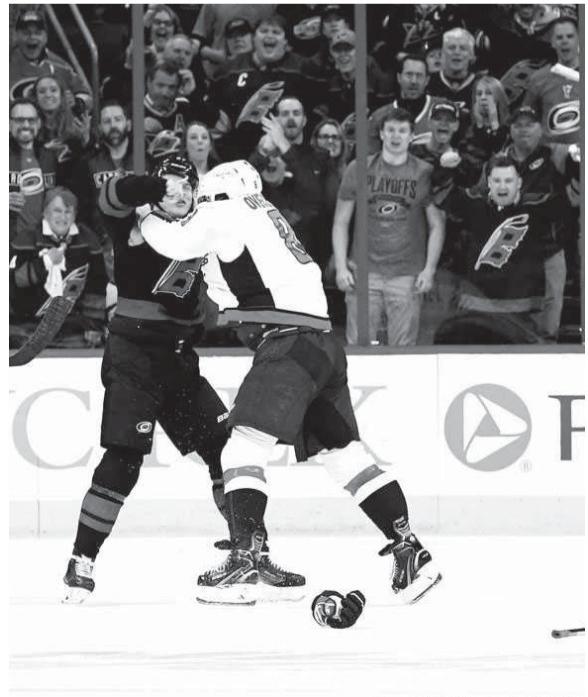
Then, on Tuesday, after Brind'Amour got a chance to speak with Svechnikov, he implied that Ovechkin wasn't being entirely truthful when he said Svechnikov was the one who asked for the bout.

"There's two versions going around," Brind'Amour said. "I'll just leave it at that."

Capitals Coach Todd Reirden's response contained a couple of not-so-subtle jabs back at Brind'Amour, who appeared to be having words with Washington forward Tom Wilson after the fight.

"I see it as two willing combatants," Reirden said. "That's part of our sport, and one player won the fight and one player lost the fight. It's always been my stance to not talk negatively about another team's players. That's always been a cardinal rule for me as a coach. I don't yell at other teams' players from the bench. That's just how I handle things. . . Now we're focused on moving forward here."

And just like that, the first real controversy of the series



Alex Ovechkin got the better of Carolina's Andrei Svechnikov in a rare fight for the Capitals captain during Game 3 on Monday night.

has arrived, and while many predicted the pugilistic Wilson would be involved, it's Ovechkin, who has fought just four times in his 14-year career. Who challenged whom isn't as relevant as both participants agreeing to the fisticuffs, which was clear from the replay. And for the Capitals, none of that matters as much as the statement that their longest-tenured player and dressing room leader made that he again is not going to shy away from anything this time of the year.

"I think he's pretty much sent a message from the minute he showed up at training camp that he's all-in," Reirden said. "That's been through his play, and we talked about his play at length from Game 2 with how those plays start before he obviously executes them — some high-end rush plays with great passes. One of them comes off a full-length 200-foot backcheck. Another one of them comes off the defensive-zone coverage where their defenseman is down the wall, he finishes the player with a legal check and then beats him up the ice to be able to create offense."

"He's been all-in, and he's

been all-in since the beginning of the season and I wouldn't expect anything less."

Ovechkin was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the MVP of Washington's Stanley Cup run a year ago not because he was the team's leading scorer — that was center Evgeny Kuznetsov. It was because of how he owned the responsibility of the "C" on his chest by blocking shots, backchecking and then also scoring goals.

On Monday morning, he took the Capitals' first hot lap of the playoffs — a tradition before road morning skates that started last postseason. As he finished his solo twirl around the ice, teammates tapped their sticks in approval.

"It's been working last year, so we decided to stay with it," Ovechkin said.

Last year was a lesson in what he needs to do to propel his team forward in the postseason, and now that Ovechkin knows the blueprint for success, he is following it — and then some.

"It's playoff hockey," he said. "Everybody plays to win, and that's what it's all about."

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APRIL 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT 48, BLOCK A, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT 47, LAKELANDS, PHASE 3, SECTION 2", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT NO. 21479. HAVING A STREET ADDRESS OF 822 STILL CREEK LANE, GAITHERSBURG, MD 20878. TAX ID # 03-29024. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY WHICH, BY DEED DATED 8/15/03, AND RECORDED 9/25/03 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF MARYLAND, IN LIBER NO. 25351, FOLIO 178 WAS GRANTED AND CONVEYED UNTO MICHAEL L. SUBIN.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

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APRIL 23, 2019 at 10:50 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit 2-207, in Building No. 2, in a Horizontal or Condominium Condo, known as "Phase 1" located at 5402 Riba Ct., Capital Heights, MD 20743 and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #3-3115490.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$3,000 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, MD and the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees file number 73228.

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ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-1745678.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
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UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
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4439 BECKENHAM PLACE**Upper Marlboro, MD 20772**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to KG TITLE INC, Trustee(s), dated January 19, 2016, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 37851, folio 19, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE located at 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772.

APRIL 25, 2019 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust, Tax ID #09-0970145.

The property which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$400.00 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER:** Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY980 FOX RUN DR.
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Todd Bethera and Evelyn Bethera dated December 9, 2005 and recorded in Liber 24674, folio 154 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

APRIL 30, 2019 at 10:54 AM

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY1315 RIVER RD.
PASADENA, MD 21222

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Kathleen D. Miralles and Timothy Miralles dated November 20, 2014 and recorded in Liber 27864, folio 158 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

APRIL 30, 2019 at 9:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust, Tax ID #03-696-3154080.

The property which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$35,000 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER:** Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY108 D ST SW.
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from William J. Schuman dated February 1, 2017 and recorded in Liber 30639, folio 30 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

APRIL 23, 2019 at 9:31 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust, Tax ID #05-326-03269000.

The property which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER:** Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY1010 OPIKE CT.
SEVERN, MD 21144

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Anita Smith dated September 14, 2005 and recorded in Liber 17212, folio 399 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

APRIL 23, 2019 at 9:30 AM

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$12,000 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER:** Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY325 DOUBLE EAGLE DR.
LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Shahzad Arbab dated November 24, 2004 and recorded in Liber 16244, folio 283 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

APRIL 30, 2019 at 9:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust, Tax ID #04-084-90218313.

The property which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$48,000 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER:** Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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8320 CASSIDY CT.
CHESAPEAKE BEACH, MD 20732

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Nakeisha D. Tyler a/k/a Nakeisha Tyler dated December 22, 2015 and recorded in Liber 4692, folio 288 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

APRIL 30, 2019 AT 3:33 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-191419.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of \$2,000.00 by cash or certified check. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Calvert County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. **TIME IS THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, if any, shall be assumed by purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9820 MARSHALL CORNER RD.
WHITE PLAINS, MD 20695

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Carin Gilroy a/k/a Carin Leigh Willett dated July 24, 2015 and recorded in Liber 9030, folio 288 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 20 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646. **Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court.**, on

APRIL 30, 2019 AT 1:06 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #06-024785.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, any and with no warranty of any kind.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

369 WILSON RD.
HUNTINGTON, MD 20639

Under a power of sale contained in a Certain Deed of Trust from P. Thomas Madlock and T. Maxdow dated January 3, 2007 and recorded in Liber 2921, folio 288 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

APRIL 30, 2019 AT 3:34 PM

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We're getting back to Rachael's way

Break out the EVOO and set the DVR: Rachael Ray is making '30 Minute Meals' again

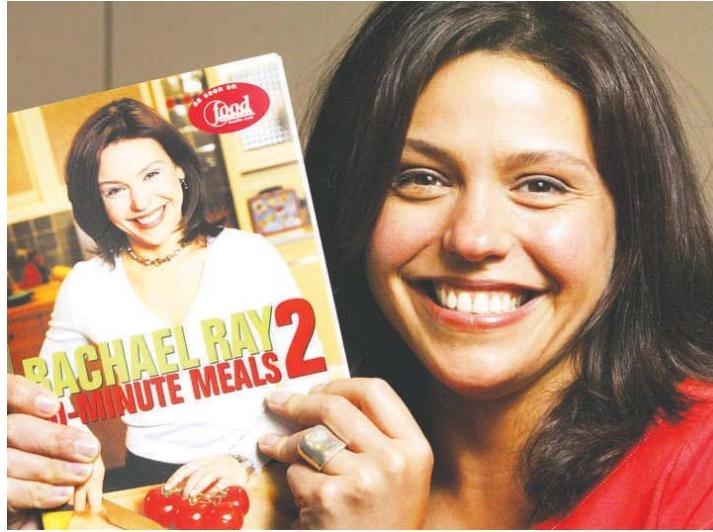
BY BECKY KRISTAL

"Hi there, I'm Rachael Ray, and I make 30-minute meals."

The first time we heard those words, it was 2001, and Food Network had just given a very big platform to someone who, unlike most of its previous personalities, was not a restaurant chef. Rachael Ray rejected swap-outs and shortcuts and instead actually made a meal in the same time it would take to get delivery, endearing herself to time-starved home cooks and inspiring countless books, magazines and TV shows.

Almost two decades later, she's back.

The truth is, she never really went anywhere. Between her daytime talk show, magazine, nonprofit organization, product lines and pet-food brand, she's as ubiquitous as ever. But now she's back to where most of us met her — starring in the first new episodes of her signature show, "30 Minute Meals," since 2012.



TOP: Rachael Ray started her daily talk show in 2006 and continued filming "30 Minute Meals" until 2012. ABOVE: Ray in 2003. "It's fun to be asked to do something 20 years later and reinvent it for a new group of people," she says.

Why revisit it now, after all these years? Instead of a meditation on the state of food media or the challenges facing today's home cooks, the ever-practical Ray cuts to the chase: "Because the Food Network called and asked me."

Also: "It's fun to be asked to do something 20 years later and reinvent it for a new group of people," she says on a recent weekday afternoon in New York after taping her 13-year-old daily talk show. "Who wouldn't say yes?"

"Now that means in the time it takes you to watch this program, I'll have made a delicious and healthy meal from start to finish."

Pick over almost two decades of coverage, and you'll find many first-person accounts of people trying — and failing — to make Ray's meals in the allotted half-hour. The early episodes of "30 Minute Meals" were a spectator sport, as she ricocheted around the set and you wondered whether she would make the mark. That was partially because, Ray recalls, a staffer would say, "Eh, it's not exciting enough. Add another course! Some of the meals, I was really hauling a--."

This time around, she has had to pad

SEE RAY ON E4

Hot- or cold-smoked, salmon has Easter covered

BY ANGELA DAVIS
Special to The Washington Post

A bagel slathered with cream cheese and draped with luxurious slices of smoked salmon is up there on the short list of reasons I would actually be happy to venture out of bed on the weekends. Also on that list is Easter brunch — or, as I like to call it, "Spring Thanksgiving" — which presents an opportunity to choose from a veritable cornucopia of smoked-salmon-friendly dishes. It's fun to think beyond bagels and to consider new ways smoked salmon can become the star at your next gathering.

There are two types of smoked salmon: cold-smoked and hot-smoked. Both start as fresh salmon, often the sockeye or king salmon varieties. While the fillets

SEE SALMON ON E8



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Cold-smoked salmon retains a raw look and has a silky texture and subtle smokiness. The hot-smoked version looks like traditionally cooked fish.

VORACIOUSLY

If you still think lamb is gamy, there are new rules

BY LUCINDA SCALA QUINN
Special to The Washington Post

Listen, lamb-leery cooks: Don't be intimidated by the myth of a "too gamy taste," true of the bygone mutton-eating generation. Today in America, what was once known as "spring lamb" is offered to market between 6 and 12 months old, which yields a fresh, meaty flavor no more pungent than pork or beef. Don't be discouraged by cut choice and cost, either. For a holiday crowd, leg of lamb equals a fine turkey price and requires a fraction of the skill needed to hit the double-whammy of moist turkey breast and tender legs at the same time.

Globally, lamb is the most agnostic meat eaten, relished from London to Jerusalem to Beijing. Lamb loves the bold

exotic flavors of Middle Eastern dishes, blossoms under French, Spanish and Italian (anchovy, lemon, rosemary) treatments, and as a "joint," anchors many a British Sunday lunch.

My brother Jim makes the most simple and delicious roast lamb you'll ever eat. He's the real lamb-cook whisperer in our family. Where others are sheepish, he oozes cool confidence, knowing firsthand that lamb is one of the best no-fuss, go-to centerpiece roasts for group entertaining.

Jim decided long ago to ditch the bone-in leg of lamb from our childhood table for the ease, time and predictability of a lean, butterflied lamb leg. Enrobed in a flavorful fresh herb coating, it cooks in under an hour and results in a range of succulent doneness from rare to medium to

SEE LAMB ON E6

Stuff on a potato, tomato and eggs edition



This dish is a bit of a mess, which you may find liberating! Trust us, it's intentional. The recipe falls in the "stuff on a potato" genre — the stuff in this case being eggs poached in tomato and/or pepper sauce, which is itself a riff on a Mediterranean shakshuka. It is built for two, but easy enough to scale up.

The potatoes are regular ol' russets. You may need to dig deep in the pile to find spuds that are the right size and the same size, otherwise they won't cook evenly and thoroughly. The microwave does a good job here, and to keep the skins from drying out, we rub them with oil first. In truth, medium-size eggs are a better fit than large ones. We found in testing that even when some of the egg whites slipped the bounds of their halved potatoes and cooked to a



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Shakshuka-Stuffed Spuds

2 servings

If you have tomato sauce on hand, this becomes even quicker to make.

Adapted from [TheKitchn.com](#) and [101Cookbooks.com](#).

Ingredients

- 2 russet potatoes, no more than 8 ounces each
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more as needed
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 medium cloves garlic
- 1 roasted red pepper (jarred)
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, or more as needed
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- Whole, no-salt-added tomatoes from one 14.5-ounce can (no can juices; may substitute canned diced tomatoes, drained)
- 1/2 lemon
- 4 large eggs
- Several stems curly or flat-leaf parsley, for garnish (may substitute fresh mint)

Steps

- Scrub the potatoes well, cutting out any eyes or spots, then pat dry. Use a fork to poke each potato 4 or 5 times on each side. Rub the potatoes with some of the oil, sprinkle them with salt and a pinch of pepper. Place in a microwave-safe dish. Microwave on HIGH for 5 minutes. Turn them over and microwave on HIGH for an additional 2 or 3 minutes, until soft enough to squeeze. Let them cool on a cutting board.
- Position an oven rack 4 to 6 inches from the broiler element; preheat the broiler. Line a small rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil.
- Meanwhile, mince the garlic and coarsely chop the roasted red pepper, placing them in a small saucepan as you work. Add the 2 tablespoons of oil, 1/4 teaspoon of sea salt, the crushed red pepper flakes and tomato paste. Place over medium-high heat and stir, cooking for just 45 seconds or until everything is fragrant. Crush the tomatoes

with your hands so they fall right into the saucepan; once the mixture begins to bubble at the edges, remove from the heat. Taste, and add more salt, as needed.

• Finely grate the zest of the 1/2 lemon directly into the sauce and stir to incorporate. This is your sauce.

• Cut each cooled potato in half lengthwise, then use fork to fluff up their insides. Place them on a small rimmed baking sheet. If the skins happen to tear, just shape the potato half back in place. Use the back of a spoon or ladle to create a deep well at the center of each potato half; you may need to take out a little of the potato flesh, which can be a cook's treat, or you can add it back afterward.

• Spoon the sauce onto each potato half; season lightly with more crushed red pepper flakes, if desired. Reshape a well at the center of each sauce portion; this is where an egg will sit.

• Crack an egg into a small bowl, then gently slide it into the sauce well of one potato half. Repeat with the remaining eggs and sauced potato halves. All of the egg white may not fit, or it might spill out. Try to spoon it back in, because the egg yolk needs a little protection from the intense heat. Broil for 1 to 2 minutes, or just until the whites are opaque and softly set but the yolks are still runny. If some of the egg white has spilled out onto the baking sheet, scoop it up and place it back on each portion.

• Coarsely chop the parsley. Drizzle a little more oil over each potato portion. Lightly season the eggs with salt and pepper. Top with parsley and serve.

Nutrition | Per serving: 500 calories, 19 g protein, 54 g carbohydrates, 23 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 430 mg cholesterol, 600 mg sodium, 7 g dietary fiber, 9 g sugar

The trick for tempeh is to give it a bold marinade



Joe Yonan
WEEKNIGHT
VEGETARIAN

I know, I know. Tempeh can be a hard sell. I still remember the email I got from the nicest reader who said that he — not a vegetarian, mind you — was making every one of the recipes I feature each week, with one exception: anything that included tempeh.

I get it. It's a little weird-looking, the name is unfamiliar, and the texture and flavor — well, I love its mushroomy nuttiness and its density, but some people find it off-putting (if they haven't tried it) and maybe a little overpowering (if they have).

What is tempeh, anyway? A high-protein cake of fermented soybeans, it's a traditional food in Indonesia that has been beloved by plenty of plant-based cooks and eaters in the West for decades.

The trick to preparing it is to add plenty of bold flavors. Tempeh takes well to marinating, and you can pack all sorts of winners into the soak. But I suggest that you don't stop there. This recipe uses a fairly simple marinade — just coconut aminos (or tamari) and lemon juice — and then adds generous amounts of ginger and basil to a stir-fry of crunchy snap peas and red cabbage. If you like heat, a Sriracha drizzle would not be out of place here.

Tempeh is often compared with tofu. To me it comes out on top because it's more interesting (and probably more nutritious because of the fermentation). I've read accounts from others who give the nod to tofu as the more versatile of the two, but this dish casts doubt on such an assessment. Besides, if your goal is to eat more plant-based protein, it's not a zero-sum game. Why choose?

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Gingery Basil Tempeh and Snap Peas

4 servings

Adapted from "Recipes for Your Perfectly Imperfect Life: Everyday Ways to Live and Eat for Health, Healing and Happiness," by Kimberly Snyder (Harmony Books, 2019).

Ingredients

- 16 ounces tempeh, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/2 cup coconut aminos (may substitute other liquid aminos or low-sodium tamari)
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, or more as needed
- 2 tablespoons peeled, grated fresh ginger root (from a 2-inch piece)
- 8 ounces snap peas, trimmed and strings removed
- 1 cup packed, chopped red



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cabbage or radicchio

- 1 cup lightly packed torn fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, or more as needed

Steps

- Arrange the tempeh slices in a single layer in a large baking dish. Pour over the coconut aminos and lemon juice. Marinate the tempeh while you prep the rest of the ingredients, preferably for at least 20 minutes, then drain. (You can refrigerate the remaining marinade for up to 1 week and reserve for another

use, such as marinating more tempeh or tofu, or turning it into a salad dressing or dip.)

- Pour 1 tablespoon of the oil into a large skillet over medium heat. Once the oil shimmers, add as much of the marinated tempeh as will fit without overlapping. Working in batches (and adding a little more oil between batches as needed), pan-fry the tempeh until golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes per side, then transfer to a serving bowl.

- Increase the heat to medium-high; pour in the remaining tablespoon of oil, then stir in the

ginger, snap peas and cabbage or radicchio. Stir-fry until the vegetables have softened slightly but remain crisp, 2 to 3 minutes.

- Transfer to the serving bowl with the tempeh, add the basil and salt, and toss gently to incorporate. Taste, and add more salt, as needed.

• Serve warm.

Nutrition | Per serving (including 1/4 cup marinade): 340 calories, 24 g protein, 25 g carbohydrates, 15 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 340 mg sodium, 14 g dietary fiber, 5 g sugar

Recipe tested by Joe Yonan; email questions to [food@washpost.com](#)

A colorful kick from chutney



Ellie Krieger
NOURISH

This dish taps enticing Indian flavors to elevate humble grilled chicken to a supremely tasty weeknight meal. The chicken breast, seasoned with a simple spice rub of

ground cumin, coriander and turmeric, gets a lovely, earthy flavor and stunning golden hue.

But the real star is the accompanying chutney. To make it, simmer a can of tomatoes with savory onion, ginger and mustard seed, along with sweet dried apricots and honey. Add a splash of vinegar for a balancing tang, and some peanuts for richness and crunch. Once cooked down, the chutney gets whisked in a food processor until it is spoon-ably smooth but still retains some texture. The simmer time for the chutney, just 15 minutes, makes it perfect for a busy night, but it can also be made ahead and refrigerated until needed.

The chutney, served with chicken and garnished with fresh cilantro leaves, results in a dish that's as tasty and healthful as it is colorful. This recipe makes more chutney than you need for this meal, but you'll be glad to have leftovers because the sweet-savory-tangy condiment is also delicious on toast, as an accompaniment for grilled fish, a sandwich spread or a toast topper.

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Golden Grilled Chicken With Tomato-Peanut Chutney

4 servings, Healthy

MAKE AHEAD: The chutney can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 4 days.

From nutritionist and cookbook author Ellie Krieger.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons peanut oil, or another neutral oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 tablespoon peeled, minced fresh ginger root
- 1/2 teaspoon whole brown mustard seed
- One 14.5-ounce can no-salt-added diced tomatoes
- 6 dried apricots, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup dry-roasted, unsalted peanuts, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/8 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 4 pieces thin-cut skinless boneless chicken breast (about 5 ounces each)
- Fresh cilantro leaves, for garnish



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Steps

- Heat 1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons of the oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, about 3 minutes, until translucent. Add the ginger and mustard seed; cook for 1 minute, until fragrant.
- Add the tomatoes, apricots, peanuts, vinegar, honey, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the black pepper. Bring just to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low so the mixture barely bubbles at the edges; cook for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until it thickens and the tomatoes have mostly broken down. Transfer the mixture to the small bowl of a food processor and pulse until the chutney is mostly smooth,

but still has some texture.

- Combine the remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons of oil with the cumin, coriander, turmeric and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon each of salt and pepper in a small bowl. Rub the mixture onto the chicken.
- Preheat a grill or grill pan over medium-high heat. Add the chicken, reduce the heat to medium and cook for about 3 minutes per side, until the meat is cooked through and grill marks have formed.

- Garnish the chutney with cilantro and serve alongside the chicken.

Nutrition | Per serving: 330 calories, 32 g protein, 16 g carbohydrates, 13 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 90 mg cholesterol, 430 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber, 9 g sugar

Recipe tested by Jessica Weissman; email questions to [food@washpost.com](#)

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With fine-dining aspirations and superb taste, Punjab Grill caters to every sense

Tom Sietsema
The owner of one of the most beguiling new restaurants in Washington
FIRST BITE
aspires to have his establishment thought of not just as Indian fine-dining, but "fine-dining, period," says Karan Singh. "I want **Punjab Grill** to stand shoulder-to-shoulder" with the city's top dining draws.

The New Delhi native is off to a grand start with his downtown restaurant, whose servers are dressed in uniforms created by leading Indian fashion designers and whose details revel in gold (utensils, pitchers, chairs). "We basically built the restaurant in India and shipped it over," says Singh.

It's true. Everywhere a diner looks, there's something to admire from abroad: an onyx ceiling gracing the bar, say, and fanciful mother-of-pearl inlays on the tables." The grill's 10-seat private dining room is a jewel box outfitted with more than 100,000 tiny mirrors, Hermès dishware and a light fixture in the shape, and the shade, of a peacock. Party planners, take note: The gem is yours for a minimum food and drink charge of \$1,200 at lunch and \$2,000 or \$3,000 at dinner. (The second seating, at 8:30, is the one that costs more.)

Punjab Grill isn't just sumptuous, it's luscious. Singh sifted through hundreds of résumés before inviting three chefs from restaurants in London, New York and San Francisco to audition for him, ultimately selecting the candidate from the West Coast, Jasprat ("Jassi") Bindra, 32.

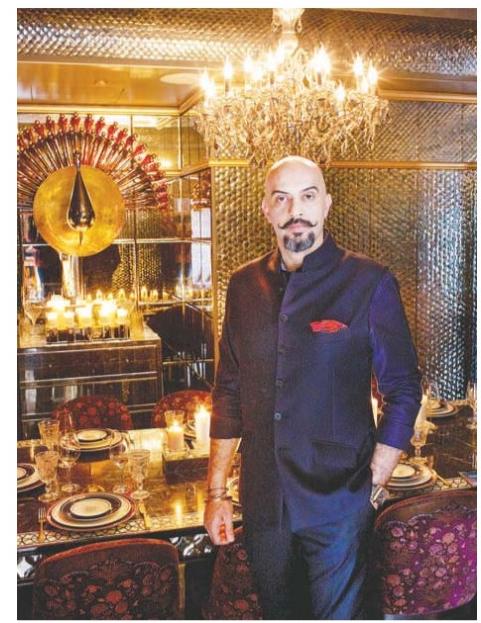
His talent is apparent from first bite. Consider Bindra's chutney flight, the Indian equivalent of a bread basket featuring naan grissini and six housemade chutneys, mostly fruit and in such unexpected flavors as guava and raspberry. Chana masala is passed through a sieve and served as a silken "hummus," with potato-stuffed kulcha for swabbing (the breads are all first-rate); tiger prawns emerge from the tandoor hot, sweet and tingling with ginger, lemon and green chiles.

A dish called chicken "red curry" is basically butter chicken viewed through a Thai lens, marinated as the poultry is with lemon grass, lime leaves and Thai basil. The saucer-size naan accompanying the dish competes for the attention of taste buds; brushes with a syrup made from lemonade makes for bright bread.

Baked Chilean sea bass sports a glaze made with jaggery and cumin, which the chef caramelizes with a blow torch, leaving the fish with some crackle on top. A downy bed of



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: A server at Punjab Grill in downtown Washington squeezes lemon over venison "haleem," which is served with cracked wheat, gram dal and accoutrements. Owner Karan Singh stands among the many mirrors of the private dining room. The shahi tukra features mango mousse, kulfis and saffron bubble glass.



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shredded Brussels sprouts tossed with fresh coconut and curry leaves provides delicious support.

Venison tastes altogether new when it's cooked overnight with onions, yogurt and cracked wheat. The next day, recipients encounter a meaty porridge, its bowl ringed with spoonfuls of fresh mint, ginger, clarified butter and other enhancers, allowing diners to season according to taste.

Mustard greens cooked to a mash with fennel leaves and mustard seeds — sarson ka saag, a staple in north India — is fine meatless eating, and it has a nice plate mate in roti made with corn flour.

There are only a few desserts; each has its merits. (Cheesecake is creamy with paneer.) The most original finale is bread soaked in milk, flavored with saffron and cardamom and shaped into a layer cake with kulfis (chewy

Indian ice cream) and tufts of mango mousse.

Not every dish sends my pulse racing. Burrata atop coins of spiced eggplant and tomatoes is a yawn at this party, and the lamb chops are better at Bombay Club near the White House. But lesser tastes are infrequent.

The posh restaurant takes its inspiration from the state in north India bordering Pakistan. "Punjabis love life, family, food, entertaining," says Singh, who

also has American Tandoor in Tysons, which is scheduled for a reboot this summer. A former airline pilot with 5,000 flight hours to his credit, Singh went on to start an aviation company, which he still owns. Diners are likely to spot him. He's the regal presence in the restaurant, happy to show off Sheesh Mahal, the shimmering private dining room.

Did I mention that the bar makes cocktails on par with some of the city's best lounges?

One of them, a riff on an old-fashioned, is delivered in a smoke-filled glass cloche. Did I tell you India is my favorite journey, and that this restaurant brings back fond memories of my visits there?

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VORACIOUSLY

The battle over naming rights grows for alternative foods

BY MAURA JUDKIS

If you've had any "almond drink" lately, you might have noticed that there's a semantics battle happening among America's food producers, politicians and public. At its heart are the questions: How should we label products that imitate other products? Who has the right to use certain words? What do those words truly mean?

Culinary innovation and the lightening of the American diet has given us an abundance of options. If we're cutting carbohydrates, we can have cauliflower rice instead of regular rice. Folks with dairy allergies can opt for soy milk instead of dairy milk. And vegans and vegetarians — as well as people trying to scale back their meat consumption for health or the environment — have been delighted by the arrival of plant-based burgers that more closely replicate meat than veggie burgers.

But legislation around the country and world aims to block newcomers from being able to use some of those words to describe their products. It's all in service of reducing consumer confusion and protecting their businesses, say proponents of the milk and meat industries — and recently, the rice industry has joined the fight. The people who make and advocate for plant-based meats and milks, and veggie-based rices, counter that consumers aren't buying these products because they're confused and think they're something else; they're buying them because they know the products are alternatives, and these consumers want them.

Here's a briefing on the latest in the linguistic fight for your dinner plate.



Riced cauliflower is okay, but cauliflower "rice" causes some controversy.

Rice

Non-rice "rices" have proliferated in recent years, thanks to the Paleo diet, which popularized cauliflower rice. Other vegetables soon followed: Now, if you walk down the frozen aisle of a grocery store, you can buy rices made of broccoli, sweet potato, beets and butternut squash. A new form of alternative rices has popped up in recent months, too: Legume and chickpea rices are a high-protein alternative rice, from the companies Banza and RightRice. They're made in a similar manner as chickpea pasta but cut to be rice-shaped — so they're very similar to orzo.

But in Arkansas, beginning in August, these products can no longer be called "rice." Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) signed a bill last month that aims to protect the state's meat and rice pro-

ducers. Most of America's domestically grown rice comes from Arkansas, and producers fear that rice alternatives will harm their businesses.

"This law only affects people about how to deceive the public about how their food originated," Arkansas state Rep. David Hillman (R), who introduced the legislation, told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. "And if you're not trying to deceive the public, this will not affect you or any of the outlets who sell these products."

However, "ricing" is also a verb — "to reduce to a form resembling rice" — and the products are permitted to be labeled in this way. So Arkansans won't be buying cauliflower rice, but they can purchase "riced cauliflower." Many large companies, such as Green Giant, already label their vegetable rices that way. Manufacturers selling

"cauliflower rice" after the deadline will be fined \$1,000 for each mislabeled product. Restaurant labeling was not included in the bill.

Dairy

The dairy industry has long fought against plant-based beverage producers calling their drinks "milk." As the number of alternative milks continues to proliferate — beyond soy and almond, we're now seeing oat, hemp, flax, pea, hazelnut, buckwheat, tiger nut and peanut milk — more states have adopted "truth in labeling" requirements that prevent these products from calling themselves milk. Last month, Sens. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) and James E. Risch (R-Idaho) reintroduced labeling legislation called the Dairy Pride Act, which failed to advance in 2017. A common slogan among

supporters of these bills: "Almonds don't lactate." But producers of nondairy milks say that customers know the difference between dairy and nondairy products. Nondairy milk sales increased 61 percent between 2012 and 2017.

Louisiana is considering such a bill. KSLA News in Shreveport, La., reported that the state used to have more than 1,000 dairies, but there are now fewer than 100. "If we don't protect our industry, we won't have an industry to protect," Louisiana state Sen. Francis Thompson (D) told the station.

The Maryland Senate recently gave its approval for the state to join North Carolina in a compact to enforce nondairy labeling standards. The legislation still needs to be approved by the governor and House of Delegates — and even then, it won't be enforceable until other states sign on.

Proposed dairy labeling legislation is "good old-fashioned protectionism," wrote Paul Shapiro, the author of "Clean Meat: How Growing Meat Without Animals Will Revolutionize Dinner and the World," in an October 2018 opinion piece for The Washington Post.

Meat

Meat producers aren't too happy with the Beyond Burger and the Impossible Burger. The two plant-based burgers are famous for how well they can substitute for meat — they even "bleed" thanks to ingredients such as beets, which replicate the color of a burger's juices. But industry lobbyists are ramping up their efforts to prevent these companies from being able to use the word "burger." Last year, Missouri passed a law that penalizes companies that label plant-based products with

certain animal meat descriptions, such as "ground beef style," with fines or jail time. Vegetarian protein companies sued the state, which settled. In February, the New York Times reported that "beef" and farming industry groups have persuaded legislators in more than a dozen states to introduce laws that would make it illegal to use the word meat to describe burgers and sausages that are created from plant-based ingredients or are grown in labs.

"Five or 10 years from now, fake meat will have a product that is viable from a cost standpoint," Kevin Kester, the former president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, told The Post. "We have to make sure that everyone plays by the same rules."

It's not just an American thing. A committee in the European Parliament recently passed an amendment prohibiting plant-based products from being labeled as steak, sausage, escalope, burger and hamburger. The measure will be voted on by the full Parliament after its elections, before being put to member states and the European Commission, the Guardian reports.

The measure was opposed by environmental groups, who feared it could discourage plant-based eating.

"We felt that steak should be kept for real steak with meat and come up with a new moniker for all these new products. There is a lot to be done in this front, a lot of creativity will be needed," Eric Andrieu, a French member of the European Parliament, told the Guardian.

It has led to a lot of jokes about what plant-based burgers in Europe will be called. "Veggie discs" has become the running gag, and it does have a certain ring to it.

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What's Rachael Ray's '30 Minute Meals' message? 'Everyone can do this.'

RAY FROM E1

episodes with cocktails and salads to fill the airtime. "I couldn't slow the meal down enough ... because the food was just too easy."

But for the 50-year-old Ray, who is married to lawyer and rock musician John Cusimano, the timing is almost beside the point. "When I go home, I do not set a clock in my own kitchen. I pour a giant fishbowl of wine. I put on music or 'Law & Order' or a record, and I chill in the kitchen."

Ray had to talk her way into getting her first collection of 30-minute meals published by Hiroko Kiffner at Lake Isle Press in 1998, based on the classes she had been teaching at the gourmet market where she ran the kitchen. Out of that came a 2001 appearance on the "Today" show in the midst of a massive snowstorm, which Ray and her mother braved to make it to Manhattan from their Upstate New York home. Food Network took notice, signed Ray, and a star was born.

Twenty-five cookbooks (the 26th arrives in the fall) and two Emmys later, Ray has developed so many recipes that sometimes she doesn't realize until after a Google search that her great new idea has already been published — by her. Today, she is as likely to pull a bottle of gochujang out of the refrigerator as she is a bag of tater tots from the freezer. "People of all ages in America now eat broader diets than maybe 20 years ago," Ray says. "But I think today is exactly the same as 20 years ago — a lot of people are just as busy and have so much going on in their lives, they don't have an enormous amount of time to dedicate to the kitchen, whether they enjoy being in it or not."

"Oh, you know, my latkes, I don't want to forget about those! Let me give 'em a little flip."

Spontaneity and even mishaps in culinary television go back at least as far as Julia Child, who was beloved for plowing ahead on the set of "The French Chef" no



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People wait outside the studio of Rachael Ray's talk show in New York. "I'm a waitress who has a talk show!" she marveled recently.

matter what. But as Food Network President Courtney White puts it: "Rachael was one of the first Food Network personalities able to show viewers that you don't have to be a professional chef to be able to make a delicious meal. Rachael also has an uncanny ability to engage viewers, to make people feel like they have known her for years and that she can relate to how busy their lives are."

Even though she worked for years in the restaurants her

mother managed and then took on her job cooking at the market, Ray has always billed herself as nothing more than a home cook. ("I'm a waitress who has a talk show!" she marveled recently.) She is one of the most studiously unstudied people on television, which cynics might call an act, but which admirers, myself included, find relatable.

She rattles around the drawers looking for the right tool. She forgets an ingredient and throws it in later. Just cut the potatoes for



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Ray has always billed herself as a home cook, and she is famous for not wanting to reshoot.

the chicken pot pie smaller, and they'll catch up! She is famous for not wanting to reshoot.

Ray's accessibility is what resonated most with fellow Food Network personality and cookbook author Molly Yeh ("Girl Meets Farm"). Yeh, 29, remembers "totally fangirling" about Ray with her best friend in elementary school, when Food Network was on in the Yeh household all day long. "I just remember the feeling of watching the show and seeing this beautiful meal made in 30 minutes," Yeh says, "and, even as a little girl, feeling like I could do this."

It was "as if she was cooking in her own kitchen," says Kelsey Nixon, 34, who was not only inspired by "30 Minute Meals" to go into food media but applied that same keep-rolling mentality when she filmed "Kelsey's Essentials" for sister network Cooking Channel. The message people got from Ray, Nixon says, was "I'm going to cook just like you do."

To Yeh, "30 Minute Meals" was the first place on television where the kitchen came across as "a

playful, fun space [that] could be the heart of the home."

"She seemed like she could be your friend or your cousin or aunt — like the cool aunt," Yeh says. (Or "your next-door neighbor, a menschy cousin," as Ray told The Post in 2004.) For all her girl-next-door vibe and professions that "my life is pretty dull," Ray is just edgy enough to keep things interesting. She caught flak in 2003 when she did a saucy photo shoot for FHM magazine. "When I'm 80 I'm going to look back and be like, 'I represented!'" Ray told the New York Times in 2005.

Sometimes she makes news without intending to: A few years ago, confused Beyoncé fans pilloried Ray instead of fashion designer Rachel Roy, a.k.a. the alleged "Becky with the good hair" other woman in a song on Queen Bey's album "Lemonade."

Ray told Yahoo it was "the most ultimate backward compliment — the idea that anybody would think that I groove in a universe where I get to hang out with Jay-Z or Beyoncé."

"When you handle chicken, the first thing you gotta do is get washed up. You don't want to get those chicken juices anywhere."

Whether you know it or not, you've probably picked up something from Ray. Long before I went into food, I watched her show as I taught myself how to cook, and I still have recipes from "30 Minute Meals" in the three-ring binder I put together over a decade ago. Even now, years later, I learn from her. After months of breaking down kale for my son's favorite pesto with pasta, I saw an old episode in which Ray suggested curling your fingers like a cat about to pounce so you can easily strip the leaves off the stems. I had never heard it described so succinctly and visually. It was a lightbulb moment, and it worked like a charm the next time I made the dish.

In a recent piece for Voraciously, I used the phrase "screaming hot." Only after prepping for my interview with Ray did I find old

news stories crediting her with popularizing the phrase.

And you can't talk about Ray without talking about EVOO, the shortcut term for extra-virgin olive oil that she propagated. Love it or hate it (and yes, there are plenty of people, entire websites even, that have hated on Ray's cutesy words, her voice, you name it), it's part of the lexicon now — officially added to the Oxford English Dictionary.

What else have we learned from Ray? Try the garbage bowl, the countertop catchall that saves multiple trips to the trash can (she sells them, naturally). Also: It's okay to carry as much as you can while gathering ingredients. Although if there's one obvious change in the new season, it seems to be that Ray is making a few more trips to the pantry these days. Oh, and more cheese is always good, at least if you saw the supercut that late-night host John Oliver recently shared of Ray's audiences going wild for the stuff, even though part of the blame goes to warm-up comedian Joey Kola for egging them on. "I get in a lot of trouble over at John Oliver, but I love him," Ray says.

As pop culture-ish as all that is, what Ray prefers to drive home are the underlying principles of "30 Minute Meals," and smart cooking in general. So, yes, gather your ingredients first. Have a garbage bowl. Use a big cutting board. Don't toss food in a cold pan. Clean your vegetables before storing them so you're more likely to use them. Cooking at home is better for you when you control the ingredients. Have fun.

Every episode of "30 Minute Meals" — classic or new — is a master class in how to be instructional but not didactic.

"I really hate that feeling of being talked down to," Ray says. "I don't think anybody enjoys it. And you never know who's watching or listening and how much more they know than you do about what you're talking about or what you're not talking about."

"Even in our home, my grandpa never said, 'Here's how you peel a potato.' He just said, 'Peel a potato.' There was an implied ability in our household, that of course you can do this. Everyone can do this."

That, in a nutshell, is Ray's message.

The you-and-I-are-in-this-together sensibility is so natural that it's almost easy to gloss over how much information is packed into a single episode. I ask Ray what fans have told her they took away from "30 Minute Meals."

"Just the idea that they cooked more or got into cooking because they watched programming like mine," she says. "The feeling I get from food programming is that comfort. It's like a hug. 'Cause food appeals to all your senses, and it's kind of magic."

"It's this big, raw pile of ingredients, then a few minutes later it's this whole other thing," she continues. "And it smells good, and you can eat it. ... It's like a little roller-coaster ride."

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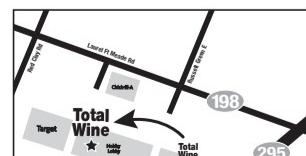
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Are the new flavors of Peeps a treat for your palate or just your palette?

BY MAURA JUDKIS

People eat Peeps, I guess? Along with gingerbread, they've achieved a legendary status: More craft supply than food product, "eating them" is pretty low on the list of things people do with Peeps.

Higher on that list are activities such as "making elaborate political dioramas" and "putting them in the microwave" and "putting them in the microwave holding toothpicks so they look like they're jousting" and "scraping the corporeal remains of Peeps from the microwave walls."

So when Peeps announced that it had introduced several new flavors, it was akin to Crayola releasing a limited-edition set of crayons. New flavors are actually just new colors, and these new colors are going to take your crafting to the next level. If only The Washington Post still offered its annual Peeps diorama contest (RIP).

Does the world really need root beer-flavored Peeps?

But Peeps are (surprise!) an actual food, and the influx of new

flavors is a sign that the brand has adopted the Oreo method of sales generation: Take a classic brand and turn it into dozens of novelty flavors to hold customers' interest, even if some of those flavors are kind of gross. (They've also introduced other Peeps-flavored products, including cereal, coffee creamer and jelly beans.)

That brings us to this year's offerings:

Peeps Cotton Candy (available nationally): The prettiest Peeps! They're light pink with blue flecks, like an eye-rolling gender-reveal cake. Cotton candy is an appropriate flavor for Peeps, because cotton candy is basically just the flavor of caramelized sugar. Peeps are also, in their essence, just sugar-flavored. So, here we have sugar-flavored sugar flavored like sugar. Cool.

Peeps Pancakes & Syrup (available nationally): They taste like maple syrup, which is good. But how depressing is it to eat a taupe-colored Peep?

Peeps Root Beer Float Marshmallow Chicks (only at Kroger): A very unfortunate brown color. If you turn them sideways, they



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look exactly like the poop emoji.

Peeps Delights Vanilla Crème Flavored Marshmallow Chicks (only at Target): Ooh look at you, with your fancy fudge-dipped marshmallow chickens. This "De-

lights" line of Peeps is definitely for eating, not crafting, even though they are so premium that they are perfectly molded, unlike their less-fancy brethren that sometimes come out of the ma-

chine as monsters with three eyes. This flavor has a white chocolate base that adds a little bit of texture, but not much flavor.

Peeps Delights Orange Sherbet Flavored Marshmallow

Peeps have a history of being more attractive to the crafter than the connoisseur, so for many people the new flavors are mostly just new colors. But there is one flavor that may be worth checking out.

Chicks Dipped in Crème-Flavored Fudge (available nationally): This is an attempt at a Creamsicle flavor. Do you like artificial orange flavor? No? Pass.

Peeps Filled Delights Chocolate Caramel Swirl Flavored Marshmallow Chicks (only at Target): I take it all back. Peeps are for eating — specifically, these. They have a chocolate base and gooey caramel center (do not think about the gooey center for too long, or you will realize the caramel is Peep guts spilling out of their tiny bodies). They're basically rocky road ice cream in Peep form, without the nuts. These are Peeps for grown-ups! They are too dignified for your Peep diorama.

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Once the butterflied leg marinates overnight, it gets roasted to an internal temperature of 120 degrees. A butterflied leg cooks faster than a tied/rolled leg.

Lamb brings universal appeal to the table

LAMB FROM E1

Preparation

The night before you plan to cook the lamb, make your herb paste and spread it all over the meat. Cover the lamb with plastic wrap and refrigerate until several hours before cooking. If you're short on time, marinate the meat at room temperature for at least an hour. To achieve a golden outside, it's imperative to let the seasoned meat stand at room temperature for a good while before cooking, so it hits the oven sizzling, instead of steaming to gray first.

The boned leg is also the perfect piece to stuff with a favorite filling; then roll, tie and season to roast at 375 degrees for about 1½ hours. Use the following method as a starting point for ratios, and tailor it to your own tastes, seeking to achieve a balanced flavor that is an herbaceous, earthy, tangy, salty-sweet enhancement for the meat. (See options at the end.)

Here's how Jim roasts his butterflied lamb leg, which serves 10:

- Mash together a small glug of olive oil, half a dozen garlic cloves and a tablespoon of coarse salt with a mortar and pestle, blender or food processor. Add a hefty handful each of fresh oregano leaves and mint leaves, along with a teaspoon each of honey and balsamic vinegar. Blend to a paste.



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roasting pan, for about a half an hour or so, until the thickest part reads 120 degrees (for a rosy medium) on an instant-read thermometer.

- Transfer the meat to a cutting board and loosely tent a piece of aluminum foil over it. Rest for 15 to 20 minutes (important, as this lets the juices settle, so that you get the most tender meat).

Thinly slice the meat against the grain and place on a serving platter. (It can be sliced as larger, more formal pieces or smaller ones, as lamb leg can be tricky to slice evenly across.) Squeeze the juice of half a lemon

over the top, and slice the remaining lemon half. Garnish with a handful of mint leaves sliced into the thinnest of ribbons, oregano leaves and lemon slices, and serve.

Options

The seasoned meat can cook on a covered grill over medium-high heat on a rack that is at least 6 inches from the fire (to avoid burning the outside and causing fat flare-ups).

And you can change the seasoning. Start with a base of oil, garlic and salt and choose from among these variations:

- Switch up the herbs and try fresh rosemary, thyme, dill, cilantro or parsley.

- Swap the vinegar for a different acid, such as lemon or lime juice, sour orange or sherry vinegar.

- Instead of honey, sweeten with jelly, jam, maple syrup or pomegranate molasses.

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well, thanks to the uneven thickness of the butterflied piece. When serving your luscious lamb dinner, take a cue from our mom, Rose, who managed to raise a little flock of lamb lovers by offering mint jelly at the table.

Buying

Nowadays, many specialty butchers receive whole animals to portion and are happy to share their knowledge, as well as prep a specialty order. The whole, bone-in leg, which includes the shank, is typically about six pounds. Once the bone is removed, the remaining meat should weigh four to five pounds — the perfect size to center your holiday feast around. Ask your butcher to remove as much fat, as well as the paper membrane, as possible.

I like to keep the bones, so I can roast and simmer them into lamb stock, or a delicious soup called Scotch broth.

If a commercial supermarket is a more convenient route, many meat cases carry a packaged (full or partial) butterflied leg, between two and four pounds, trimmed and ready to season and cook.



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Blue Nun 24K Gold Edition is a sparkling nonvintage blend of white wines dusted with flakes of edible gold leaf. It retails for \$15.

A millennial gold rush with a gilded sparkle



Wine

DAVE MCINTYRE

Blue Nun is back. And she has bling. Wine lovers of a certain age will remember Blue Nun Liebfraumilch, the white wine that took America by storm in the 1970s and 1980s. The Liebfraumilch, an off-dry, nondescript white blend, disappeared in the late '90s, but Blue Nun didn't. The brand's current push is with the Blue Nun 24K Gold Edition, a sparkling wine dusted with flakes of edible gold leaf.

You can probably hear my inner wine geek screaming, "NOOO!" Why try to dazzle us with flimflammy like gold leaf instead of putting a better wine in the bottle? And what if we get gold leaf stuck in our teeth?

"Better than spinach," says Mark Tramont, U.S. representative for F.W. Langguth Erben,

with a drink before the main event," Tramont says. "When friends come over, get the evening started before going out on the town."

The Blue Nun 24K Gold Edition is a nonvintage blend of white wines sourced throughout the European Union, but primarily from Germany. The blend varies from batch to batch, as the winemakers aim for a consistent style, and it features 32 grams of residual sugar per liter, which Tramont describes as "less than moscato or asti spumante."

But what about that gold? "It's like a snow globe," my wife said as she twisted and turned a bottle up and down and the flakes fluttered through the wine. Tramont said adding the gold was the tricky part in producing the wine and required a proprietary process.

"Edible gold leaf is very thin and light," he explained. "When you shred it, it tends to float away in the air." The gold is added after the wine is carbonated (a process similar to prosecco, not champagne), where the bubbles are produced by a second fermentation in the bottle).

So how to get that gold from the bottom of the bottle into your glass? You obviously don't want to shake the wine before popping the cork, or you'll be wiping gold off your floor.

Chill the wine really well, then after you pop the cork, gently swirl the bottle, Tramont explains. "If you hold it by the neck, and roll your wrist around, you'll see the gold come up immediately. As soon as it starts swirling it comes up to the top, then pour a little shot and top it off. You'll get the gold."

The last glass of the bottle will get the most gold flakes, Tramont says, adding that "people wait in line at tastings" hoping to taste the dregs. What other wine can claim that?

I followed Tramont's instructions while pouring two glasses, and indeed a few gold flakes flickered in each glass. My wife and I swirled, sniffed and sipped, struggling to suppress our skepticism.

"It isn't bad," she said. Indeed, it was a nondescript, off-dry white wine, much like the Liebfraumilch of old, but with bubbles and glitter.

Blue Nun was created in 1921, after all. For an iconic brand approaching its century mark, why not celebrate with a little jewelry?

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"It's a wine you can 'pregame' with, a drink before the main event."

When friends come over, get the evening started before going out on the town."

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The 24K Gold Edition sparkler, which retails for \$15, was introduced to the U.S. market in 2017 and is now distributed in 38 states, including in the Mid-Atlantic.

Joking aside, Tramont explains the 24K Gold Edition is aimed at the way many people drink wine today. "Our core audience is millennials, first-time wine drinkers age 30 to 45, predominantly female, looking for something easy to drink and not caring if it came from the Left Bank or the Right Bank," he told me in a phone interview. That was a reference to Bordeaux, and how wine geeks like to suss out the subtle differences between a Pauillac and a Pomerol.

"It's a wine you can 'pregame'

RECOMMENDATIONS

★★★ Exceptional
★★ Excellent ★ Very Good

While I agree that rosé is worthy of drinking year-round, I do welcome warm spring weather as the unofficial start to the rosé season. So I celebrate spring this week with three pink wines that will get us started on the next few months (more rosé to come!), including our greatest value of the week. Le Petit Balthazar is one of my favorites, both for the flavor and the price. Rosé is getting expensive as it gets more popular, but there are still some bargains. To round out the list, we also have a lovely, complex rosé from South Africa and a charmer from Austria. And with Passover starting soon, here are two more kosher wines. The Galil Mountain ELA is an exceptional red blend worthy of drinking any day of the year. Lion & Dove is a new line of low-priced kosher wines just entering our market. The carmenère is my favorite.

—D.M.

GREAT VALUE

Le Petit Balthazar Cinsault Rosé 2018

★★★

Pays d'Oc, France, \$9

It packs juicy watermelon and cantaloupe flavors with refreshing acidity, plus simply a lot of fun in each sip. At this price, you can suck it down before dinner, or over lunch on the patio. Keep it in mind for spicy foods. Alcohol by volume: 11 percent.

Imported and distributed by Dionysos Imports: Available in the District at Rodman's, Whole Foods Market (H Street, P Street). Available in Maryland at Balducci's and Bradley Food & Beverage in Bethesda. Available in Virginia at Balducci's (Alexandria, McLean), Unwined (Alexandria, Belview), Whole Foods Market (Alexandria, Arlington).

Galil Mountain ELA 2014

★★★

Upper Galilee, Israel, \$20

A beautiful blend of barbera, syrah, petit verdot and grenache, this



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silky red seduces with blackberry and raspberry fruit flavors, a lovely texture in the mouth and a savory, earthy finish. Kosher for Passover. ABV: 14 percent.

Imported by Yarden, distributed by Prestige Ledroit: Available in the District at Cordial Craft Wine, Beer & Spirits (the Wharf), Potomac Wine & Spirits. Available in Maryland at Quarry Wine & Spirits in Baltimore, the Wine Harvest (Gaithersburg, Potomac).

Babylonstoren Mourvèdre Rosé 2018

★★★

Western Cape, South Africa, \$22

Bright, light in texture but racy in acidity, this lovely rosé captures strawberry and raspberry flavors in a refreshing wine that's delicious by itself but really calls for food. Try this with grilled or sautéed salmon and spicy or garlicky dishes. ABV: 13 percent.

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Hugl Weine Zweigelt Rosé 2018

★★★

Austria, \$13

Here's a delightful rosé from Austria, more on the strawberry side of pink than the melon side. It isn't particularly tart or racy, nor sweet and cloying. Comfortable on the palate pretty much describes it. ABV: 12 percent.

Imported and distributed by Kysela: Available in the District at Cairo Wine & Liquor, Calvert Woodley, Cleveland Park Wine and Spirits, Eye Street Cellars, Irving Wine & Spirits, Magruder's, Rodman's, Wardman Wines. Available in Maryland at 5 O'Clock Wine & Spirits in Owings Mills; Bay Ridge Wine & Spirits in Annapolis; Bethesda Co-Op in Cabin John; Canton Crossing Wine + Spirits, Eddie's Liquors, Roland Park Wines & Liquors, Wells Discount Liquors and Wine Source in Baltimore; Downtown Crown Beer and Wine in Gaithersburg; Georgetown Square Wine and Beer in Bethesda; Fishpaws Marketplace in Arnold; Friendship Wine & Liquor in Abingdon; Maple Lawn Wine & Spirits in Fulton; Midway Discount Liquors in Joppa; Old Town Market in Kensington; Snider's Super Foods in Silver Spring; Viniferous and Ye Old Spirit Shop in Frederick. Available in Virginia at the Caboose Market & Cafe in Ashland, German Gourmet in Falls Church, Market Street Wineshop in Charlottesville, Unwined (Alexandria, Belview), the Wine Outlet in Vienna.

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VORACIOUSLY

Keep track of stirs for bread you can count on

BY BONNIE S. BENWICK

When I come across a recipe whose directions include the phrase "stir for 75 strokes," it's as if the author has reached out and given me the most innocent and nonpredatory politician's squeeze. It signifies that the recipe is simple, because its ingredients are few enough to be blended in a couple minutes, by hand. It tells me the recipe has been engineered to an nth degree, tested enough times for its maker to be ultra-specific. I am so assured that I don't count to 76. I haven't been disappointed yet.

This quick bread is such a recipe, I'm happy to report. I also like the fact that it helps use up that bag of whole-wheat flour sitting in my freezer (stashed there to prolong its whole-grain shelf life).

And, despite its name, this

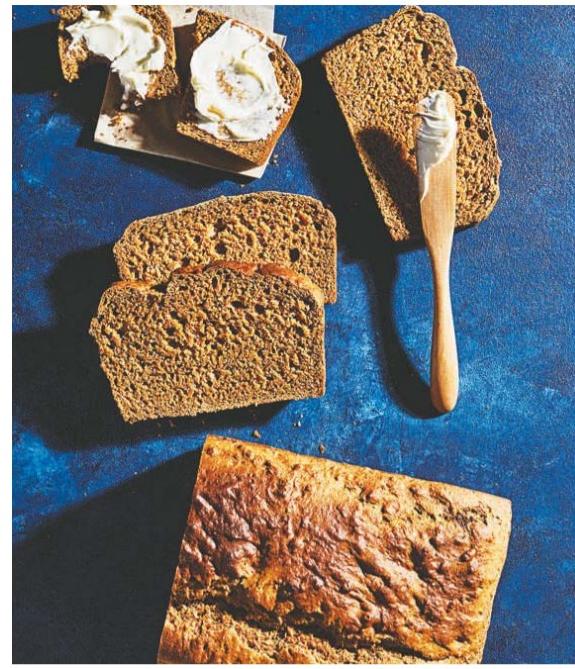
bread is only slightly sweet, yet it sure is rich-tasting. The loaf has a tight crumb, which makes it especially nice for toasting and topping with cream cheese. Half a slice can take the edge off while a hungry cook preps for dinner. A PB&J built with two thin slices will enliven a lunch bag.

To line the loaf pan, I like to fold a 12-by-16-inch sheet of parchment paper lengthwise until it is just wide enough to fit inside the bottom of the pan. The paper will be long enough to also line the sides, with a little overhang for easy post-bake lifting.

What's left of a loaf after the first few slices will last up to 5 days when wrapped in plastic wrap and stored at room temperature.

Stir up a batch for yourself and see.

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Honey Molasses Whole-Wheat Bread

12 servings (makes one 9-inch loaf)

Adapted from "Breakfast With Beatrice: 250 Recipes From Sweet Cream Waffles to Swedish Farmer's Omelets," by Beatrice Ojakangas (University of Minnesota Press, 2018).

Ingredients

- 2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 cup bread flour (may substitute all-purpose flour)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sunflower oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk (regular or low-fat)

Steps

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Use cooking oil spray to grease the inside of a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan, then line the bottom with parchment paper.
- Combine the whole-wheat and bread flours, the baking powder, baking soda, salt, oil, honey,

molasses and buttermilk in mixing bowl. Stir for 75 strokes, so all the dry ingredients are moistened, then pour into your loaf pan, spreading the batter evenly.

- Bake (middle rack) for 40 to 50 minutes, or until the top is evenly browned and a tester inserted into the center comes out clean, or with a moist crumb or two.

- Remove from the pan and place on a wire rack to cool for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Nutrition | Per serving (using regular buttermilk): 150 calories, 4 g protein, 31 g carbohydrates, 2 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 4 mg cholesterol, 270 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber, 13 g sugar

Recipe tested by Bonnie S. Benwick; email questions to food@washpost.com

Start new holiday traditions with salmon smoked two ways

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are typically cured with a blend of salt and sugar, sometimes other ingredients, such as maple syrup, herbs and spices, are used to imbue the fish with additional flavor.

Curing salmon, a preserving practice that dates to before the advent of refrigeration, works by drawing moisture out of the fish. After the fillets have been cured and rinsed of excess salt, they are smoked. Cold-smoking occurs at temperatures well under 100 degrees, making, technically, a raw preparation; hot-smoking takes place at temperatures high enough to cook the fish. In either case, wood is used to impart a smoky flavor. In commercial processing plants, the finished product is usually vacuum-sealed, which further extends its shelf life.

It's easy to tell between the two when you spot them in the refrigerated cases in the seafood section of your grocery store, or at a fish market where it might be prepared in-house. Hot-smoked salmon looks and tastes like traditionally cooked salmon, save for the flavor of smoke. Sold as whole fillets or in chunks, the fish's exterior is often a dark reddish-brown, depending on the type of cure.

Cold-smoked salmon, on the other hand, with its silky texture, intense salmon flavor and subtle smokiness, appears raw, with rosy-to-orange-hued flesh sliced thin or chopped. (Cold-smoked salmon is not to be confused with lox, which is made from the belly of the salmon and is cured in a salt-sugar brine — not smoked. Gravlax, similarly, is cured but with a dry mixture of salt and sugar, along with other ingredients such as dill fronds or coriander seeds.) Cold- and hot-smoked salmon are interchangeable in most recipes, so absent of specific directions, go with the texture you prefer.

Perhaps the greatest beauty of incorporating smoked salmon into brunch menus is in its convenience. Ready to eat right out of the package, it is perfect for platters. Crostini present a delightful way to serve cold-smoked salmon in a lighter form than bagels. Simply spread a bit of softened cream cheese or goat cheese on toasted baguette rounds (or bagel chips!) and top each with a piece or two of salmon, thinly sliced red onion and tiny sprigs of fresh dill. Smoked salmon lends itself well to dips and spreads, which can be smeared on cucumbers or endive spears for a gluten-free brunch hors d'oeuvre.

If, however, you're up for baking, a smoked salmon and leek tart is not only delicious, but also takes much less time to make than traditional quiche. One of the more imaginative recipes for scones I've come across calls for adding goat cheese and bits of smoked salmon to the dough. And smoked salmon waffles could steal the spotlight at your next gathering. (Who really wants to spend Easter morning frying chicken, anyway?)

Finally, one of my favorite ways to use cold-smoked salmon is as a garnish for deviled eggs, which are a guaranteed hit for Easter. Any traditional deviled egg recipe will do, but up the ante by including cream cheese and chives in the filling with the usual mayonnaise. And if simplicity is more your thing, upgrade your scrambled eggs by folding in

Smoked Salmon Scrambled Eggs

3 or 4 servings

Soft and creamy scrambled eggs get even better with the addition of smoked salmon folded in at the last minute. The texture of cold-smoked salmon works best here (silky), but hot-smoked salmon (flakier, with a "roasted" texture) will do.

This dish is best prepared just before serving. If you like your eggs a little more firm, use a 9-inch skillet.

Recipes from private chef Angela Davis, who blogs at TheKitchenistaDiaries.com.

Ingredients

- 8 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream or creme fraiche
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 ounces cold-smoked salmon, chopped (see headnote)
- Kosher salt
- Freshly cracked black pepper
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh chives

Steps

- Crack the eggs into a bowl and combine with heavy cream or creme fraiche. Whisk until well blended and no streaks remain.
- Melt the butter in an 8-inch nonstick skillet over low heat. Pour in the eggs; the skillet will be full. Watch the edges of the pan, where you'll see the eggs set first. This typically takes 30 seconds to a minute. Once you start to see the cooked edges turn opaque, use a flexible spatula to push the outer eggs toward the center of the skillet. Every few seconds as the eggs set up again, push the cooked eggs toward the center, allowing raw egg to flow toward the edge of the skillet.
- Once the eggs are mostly set, turn off the burner and let the residual heat finish cooking them, while gently stirring to break up larger curds and/or folding to help the top part of the eggs set. Fold in the chopped salmon. Taste, and season with a pinch of salt; however, be mindful that the salmon is already salty.
- Finish with a sprinkling of cracked black pepper and chives. Serve right away.

Nutrition | Per serving (based on 4): 290 calories, 19 g protein, 2 g carbohydrates, 22 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 485 mg cholesterol, 490 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber, 0 g sugar

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Smoked Salmon Deviled Eggs

12 servings

Private chef Angela Davis likes to mix mayonnaise and cream cheese with the egg yolks for an even more decadent base for smoked salmon. Capers serve double duty as a pretty garnish and a pop of briny pickled flavor to cut through the eggs' fatty richness.

MAKE AHEAD: To prepare the eggs in advance, refrigerate the bag of filling and the hollowed egg whites, loosely covered with plastic wrap. When you're ready to serve the eggs, snip off one bottom corner of the bag to pipe the filling into the egg whites, then garnish as directed.

Ingredients

- 8 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons softened cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, preferably Duke's, or more as needed
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh tarragon or dill
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh chives
- Kosher salt
- Cracked black pepper
- 2 ounces cold-smoked salmon, chopped into 1-inch pieces, for garnish
- 1 tablespoon drained capers, for garnish

Steps

- Fill a large bowl with cold water and ice cubes.
- Bring a large pot of water to a full, rolling boil over medium-high heat. Carefully lower in the

eggs. Cook for exactly 11 minutes, then drain the pot. Shake it vigorously back and forth a few times to crack the eggshells. Immediately transfer the boiled eggs to a bowl filled with ice water. Once the eggs have cooled completely, peel under running water.

- Pat the eggs dry with a paper towel or lint-free cloth. Use a non-serrated knife to slice the eggs in half. Use a spoon to gently remove the yolks. (Tip: For a perfectly smooth filling, press the yolks through a fine-mesh strainer, which will shred them instantly.)

• Set aside or discard 4 of the egg white halves; the extra yolks make for a more generous filling. Mash the yolks thoroughly with the cream cheese and 2 tablespoons of mayo. Stir in the lemon juice and herbs. Only if necessary, add a touch more mayo to make the mixture a smooth consistency that holds its shape. You don't want the filling to be gloppy. Season lightly with salt and pepper.

- Transfer the filling to a zip-top bag, pushing all the filling down to the bottom of the bag. Snip off one of the bottom corners to transform it into a piping bag. Pipe filling into the egg whites. Garnish each egg with a folded slice of salmon and a couple of capers.

- Serve right away.

Nutrition | Per serving: 80 calories, 5 g protein, 0 g carbohydrates, 2 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 150 mg cholesterol, 150 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber, 0 g sugar

Recipe tested by Stephanie Zarpas; email questions to food@washpost.com

Smoked Salmon Frittata

6 to 8 servings

Here, hot-smoked salmon, potatoes, chives, creme fraiche and goat cheese make for an ultra-rich frittata that's appropriate for any brunch.

For this recipe, use a 10- to 12-inch, well-seasoned cast-iron skillet or ovenproof nonstick skillet. If you don't have either on hand, you can bake the frittata in a generously buttered casserole dish. (You'll need to cook the onion before assembly.)

Hot-smoked salmon has a flaky, more "roasted" texture than cold-smoked, lox-style salmon.

Ingredients

- 8 ounces Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch dice (unpeeled; about 1 1/2 cups)
- 12 large eggs
- 8 ounces creme fraiche
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 8 ounces hot-smoked salmon, coarsely chopped (skinned; see headnote)
- One 4-ounce log goat cheese

Steps

- Place the potatoes in the microwave in a steamer bowl or microwave-safe container. Cover partially and microwave on HIGH for 5 to 7 minutes, until fork-tender. Drain any liquid.
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Whisk together the eggs, creme fraiche, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, the black pepper and chives in a mixing bowl, until they are well blended and no streaks remain.
- Melt the butter in your skillet over low heat. Add the red onion and cook for about 5 minutes, until softened and translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the cooked potatoes to the skillet and mix with the onion. Season with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Cook for an additional minute, until the potatoes are warmed through. Scatter the chopped salmon into the pan.
- Next, pour in the egg mixture. Use your spatula to gently push it around, ensuring the ingredients are evenly dispersed. Cook for a few minutes, until the bottom half begins to set. Dot the top of the frittata with pinches of goat cheese.
- Transfer the skillet to the oven; bake (middle rack) for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the frittata is golden brown and puffed. It should still jiggle ever so slightly in the center.
- Let cool for 5 minutes before serving. Run a table knife gently around the edge, then tip the skillet to let the frittata slide out onto a plate or cutting board.

Nutrition | Per serving (based on 8): 360 calories, 20 g protein, 9 g carbohydrates, 27 g fat, 15 g saturated fat, 380 mg cholesterol, 560 mg sodium, 0 g dietary fiber, 0 g sugar

Recipe tested by Diana Maxwell; email questions to food@washpost.com



chopped smoked salmon at the end of cooking, just as the eggs are about set. Smoked salmon is also a fabulous addition to a spring-inspired frittata. The dish is a convenient way to feed eggs to a crowd, as it can be made ahead of time, allowing you to spend more time with your guests. For a heartier meal, I bulk up my salmon frittatas with potatoes, and serve it alongside spring greens with a lemony vinaigrette.

Whether you're putting out platters to feed a crowd or dining solo, smoked salmon will make your brunch feel a little more special. All you need to do is figure out how you want to serve it.

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